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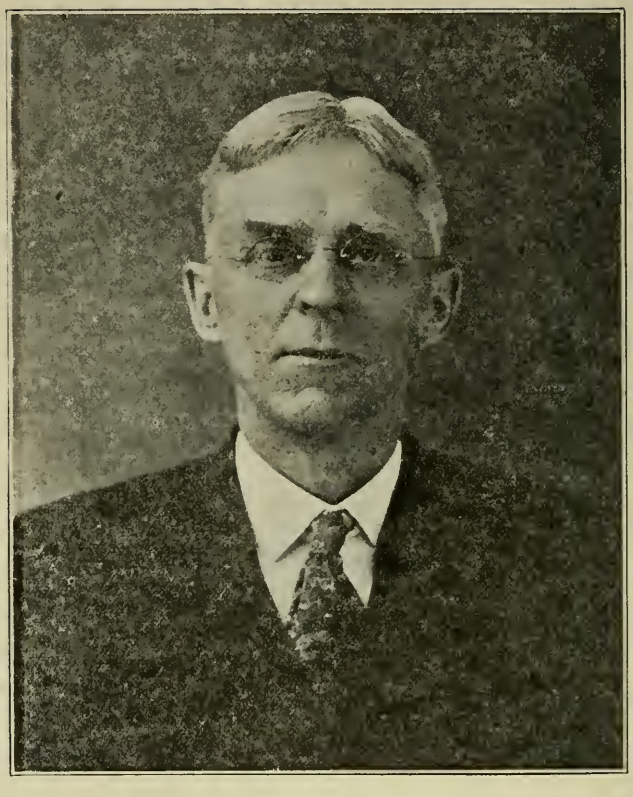

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BLOOMINGTON, IND.
MODERATOR OF SYNOD, 1917, STERLING, KANSAS

MINUTES

of the

SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

SESSION LXXXVIII

Sterling, Kan., June 6, 1917.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church of North America met pursuant to adjournment in the Reformed Presbyterian church at Sterling, Kansas, on the 6th day of June, 1917, at eight o'clock in the evening.

After a discourse upon the words in Isaiah 6:5—"Mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts,"—by Samuel Edgar, the moderator's alternate, J. C. French, the preceding moderator constituted the court in prayer.

Adjourned till 9 a. m., D. B. Willson, leading in prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9 A. M.

Synod met at nine o'clock; was called to order by the moderator and was constituted in prayer by A. Kilpatrick.

The deaths of J. C. K. Faris, D. C. Martin, J. M. Armour and J. R. Thompson were reported by the clerks of their respective presbyteries. Synod also took note of the death of Mrs. J. M. Balph, the wife of our missionary to Syria.

The roll was made up and is as follows:

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Congregations	*Ministers*	*Elders.*
Evans	W. J. McBurney	
Greeley		W. J. McMillan
La Junta		W. M. Moore
	H. B. McMillan	
	Samuel Edgar	

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Bethel	H. G. Foster	
Bloomington	J. M. Coleman	J. R. Kennedy
Oakdale	W. O. Ferguson	J. H. Sloan
Old Bethel		Rob't McClintock
Princeton	M. S. McMillan	S. R. Davis
Selma	S. F. Kingston	
St. Louis		W. J. Smith
	G. A. Edgar	

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Chicago	T. C. McKnight	
Hopkinton	Geo. S. Coleman	T. J. Joseph
Morning Sun	H. G. Patterson	J. T. Hensleigh
Rehoboth	W. C. Allen	S. O. Carson
Sharon	E. L. McKnight	J. P. Baird
Washington	S. E. Greer	O. L. Samson
	J. S. McGaw	
	R. E. Willson	

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Beulah	J. T. Mitchell	W. H. Middleton
Billings	J. M. Rutherford	J. M. Milligan
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers	Timo. Yellowfish
Clarinda	S. J. Johnson	Wylie Scholes
Dennison	E. G. Russell	Henry Faris
Eskridge	W. A. Aikin	
Hebron	J. R. W. Stevenson	A. Copeland
Kansas City	J. M. Wylie	
Long Branch	Paul Coleman	J. H. Walkinshaw
Olathe	W. C. McClurkin	J. A. Hemphill
Quinter	G. M. Robb	J. J. McElroy

Stafford	J. D. Edgar	
Sterling	J. G. McElhinney	J. W. Daugherty
Superior	F. E. Allen	W. J. Elliot
Tabor		T. K. Tippin
Topeka	C. A. Dodds	J. R. Magee
Winchester	D. H. Elliot	D. S. Faris
	Isaiah Faris	
	J. W. Dill	
	G. R. McBurney	
	O. F. Thompson	
	H. G. McConaughy	

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Brooklyn	R. C. Montgomery	Wm. Park
Coldenham	R. J. Dodds	
First Boston	W. J. McKnight	
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	
Second New York	A. A. Samson	
Montclair		J. W. Pritchard
White Lake	J. H. Pritchard	
	A. I. Robb	

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Bellecenter	R. W. Piper	Thos. McKelvey
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris	J. E. Foster
Cedarville	W. S. Fulton, s. s.	
Cincinnati	F. F. Reade	J. E. Huheey
Hetherton		J. L. Boyd
Jonathan's Creek	W. C. Coleman	
New Concord	John Coleman	Jesse Wilson
Ray		C. J. Lewis
Southfield		A. M. Cannon
United Miami		J. C. Peoples
Utica	D. Bruce Martin	C. W. Fravel

PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

Los Angeles		W. R. Marvin
Portland	F. D. Frazer	

Regina	J. C. French	A. Alexander
Seattle	T. M. Slater	

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

1st Philadelphia	M. M. Pearce	
2nd Philadelphia	J. C. McFeeters	
3rd Philadelphia	F. M. Wilson	
	R. A. Blair	

PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	T. H. Martin
Bear Run & Mahoning		Clark Pollock
Beaver Falls	J. B. Tweed	D. P. White
Central Allegheny		W. A. Russell
College Hill		R. M. Downey
Connellsville	S. B. Houston	
Geneva	J. C. Slater	C. N. Pullinger
East End	E. K. Patton	R. A. M. Steele
Mercer	W.T.K.Thompson	
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	J. M. Wallace
New Alexandria	D. C. Mathews	Wm. McFarland
New Castle	E. A. Crooks	W. A. McClelland
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	
Rehoboth		O. S. Groves
Parnassus	Rob't Park	R. M. Young
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	J. S. Tibby
Youngstown	J. M. Johnson	
	R. J. G. McKnight	
	W. P. Johnston	
	J. S. Martin	
	D. R. Taggart	
	D. B. Willson	
	J. R. Wylie	
	R. C. Wylie	
	I. A. Blackwood	
	Rob't Clark	

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	
Syracuse	A. A. Wylie	
	J. B. Gilmore	

Ministers absent—R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, P. P. Boyd, J. W. F. Carlisle, S. J. Crow, E. M. Elsey, D. C. Faris, F. M. Foster, W. H. George, T. E. Graham, R. Hargrave, D. O. Jack, A. A. Johnston, Julius Kempf, Geo. Kennedy, R. H. Martin, E. C. Mitchell, Walter McCarrol, Jas. McCune, T. A. McElwain, A. J. McFarland, sr., A. J. McFarland, jr., R. J. McIsaac, J. L. Pinkerton, Thos. Patton, J. K. Robb, W. G. Robb, W. M. Robb, T. A. Rusk, R. C. Reed, B. M. Sharp, S. G. Shaw, W. J. Sanderson, T. C. Sproul, R. M. Sommerville, J. S. Stewart, G. R. Steele, A. M. Thompson, J. S. Thompson, S. R. Wallace, T. J. Wilson, J. Ralston Wylie, John Yates, G. N. Greer, Wm. McFarland, S. M. Morrow—46.

Congregations not represented—Barnet, Bovina, Cambridge, First Newburgh, Second Newburgh, Third New York, Walton, West Hebron, St. John, Barnsville, Wahoo, Hickory Grove, Vernon, Denver, Hemet, Church Hill, Fair Grove, Londonderry, Muskingum and Tomica, Content, Santa Ana, Winnipeg, Almonte, Lisbon, York, Adamsville and Middletown, Clarksburgh, Little Beaver, McKeesport and Monongahela, Oil Creek, North Union, Slippery Rock, Wilkinsburg, College Hill—38.

J. M. Coleman was elected moderator. The clerk and assistant clerk were re-elected.

The appointment of three on each of the deaths reported was referred to the committee on nominations.

The committee on order of business reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday, June 6, 8:00 p. m. Sermon by the retiring Moderator. Constitution of the Court.

Thursday, 9:00 a. m. Election of officers. Report on Order of Business; on Devotional Exercises; on Unfinished Business; Boards; Synod's Board of Trustes; Church Erection; Control; Woman's Association.

Thursday, 2:00 p. m. Boards; Foreign Mission; Central; Jewish; Sustentation. Committees; on Sabbath Schools; on Evangelistic Work.

Thursday, 8:00 p. m. Conference on Secret Societies.

Friday, 9:00 a. m. Reports of the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary; Witness Bearing; Signs of the Times; Cove-

nanter Members of the National Reform Committee; Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

Friday, 2:00 p. m. Psalmody; Temperance; Secretary of Young People's Societies; Mission Conference.

Friday, 8:00 p. m. National Reform Conference.

Saturday, 9:00 a. m. Reports: Board of Incorporators of Geneva College; Trustees of Geneva College; Presbyteries; Stated Clerk.

Monday, 9:00 a. m. Reports: Committee on Foreign Missions; on Home Missions; on Supplies.

Monday, 2:00 p. m. Reports: Committee on National Reform; on Theological Seminary and Geneva College; on Travelling Fund.

Monday, 8:00 p. m. Conference on Systematic Beneficence.

Tuesday, 9:00 a. m. Reports: Committee on Finance; Records of Presbyteries; Discipline; Foreign Correspondence; Sustentation and Church Erection.

Signed,
W. J. McKNIGHT, Chairman,
I. A. BLACKWOOD,
E. A. CROOKS,
J. M. HENNING,
S. R. McKELVEY,

The committee on devotional exercises reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully recommends that the members of Synod continue to meet in groups at suitable times outside the hours of business for special seasons of prayer; that after roll call each morning, the first half hour be spent in devotional exercises, with the following program as a guide.

THURSDAY

The Blessed Life—Prayer for the presence of Christ realized in our lives, and manifested in purity and power. John 8:36; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 4:13; Eph. 3:16-20. Leader, I. A. Blackwood.

FRIDAY

Lives Dedicated for Service—Prayer that parents will give their children to and guide them toward a life of service for Christ. That young men and women may heed the Lord's call for workers. 1 Sam. 1:27, 28; Isa. 6:8; John 4:35. Leader, R. A. Blair.

SATURDAY

Our Congregations—Prayer that they may be strengthened in spirit, numbers and power, to the honor of Christ and the support of all His work. Isa. 54:2; S. S. 6:10; Acts 9:31, Leader, J. S. Tibby.

MONDAY

Our Work Abroad—Prayer that we may make a proper response to the opportunities, needs and the responsibilities in the Levant and China. Mark 16:15; Romans 10:13-15; Rev. 3:8. Leader, J. D. Edgar.

TUESDAY

Christ's Headship—Prayer that God will enable us to accept and proclaim it faithfully; that individuals, churches and nations may give due regard to it as revealed in Scripture and Providence. Psalm 22:28; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 2:8-9. Leader, H. G. Foster.

WEDNESDAY

Our Army and Navy—Prayer for the Men in the Army and the Navy. Ps. 91:1-7; 44:1-7. Leader, John Coleman.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. SAMSON, Chairman,
S. E. GREER,
W. J. SANDERSON,
J. M. EDGAR,
J. E. DODDS.

The report of the committee on Unfinished Business was read and taken up item by item for consideration.

Item 1 was left in the hands of the committee on Witness Bearing to attend to as occasion may demand.

Items 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 were attended to.

Item 11 was attended to except in one particular in which the matter was overlooked.

Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15, 17 were postponed.

Item 13, the report of the Clerk on the correction of the Printed Minutes of 1916. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT ON CORRECTION OF PRINTED MINUTES OF 1916

In the Minutes of the Synod of 1916, as printed, the following corrections should be noted:

On page 5, at the end of the second paragraph, insert "Synod requested the Moderator's sermon for publication."

On page 16, at the end of the seventh line, add "J. C. McFeeters."

On page 22, thirteenth line from the bottom, read "Bellefontaine," instead of "Bellecenter."

On page 25 add, "and the College", after the word "Seminary."

On page 39, eighth line from the top, omit the last cipher.

On page 47, seventh line from the bottom, read 1915 instead of 1815.

On page 51, in the twenty-first line read "including", for "excluding;" and at the bottom of the same paragraph leave the "B" out of the name of J. Boggs Dodds.

On page 70 read "S" instead of "E," as the initial in the thirteenth line.

On page 80, third paragraph from the bottom, the figures are out of place and incomplete.

On page 93 in the caption read, "Tuesday," instead of "Thursday."

On page 94 add the name of S. G. Connor to the committee.

On page 121 the name of McFeeters is misspelled.

On page 123 read "D. B. Willson" before instead of after J. R. G. McKnight, and add the name of Paul Coleman to the list of reporters.

On page 127 read "McBurney" instead of "Burney."

On page 129 add S. M. Morrow to the list of ministers in Kansas Presbytery.

On page 137 read Wilkinsburg instead of Williamsburg.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. EDGAR, Clerk.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S TREASURER ON SALE OF MINUTES

Item 14, report on printing and sale of the minutes. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes of the 1916 Synod were printed by the Selma, Alab. Stationery Co. and were received in Pittsburg, Pa., August twelfth, 1916.

1059 copies were sold at 25 cents each,		$ 264..75
10 free copies,		
1069 copies,		
Cost of printing	$320..00	
Postage, expressage, hauling,	33..07	353..07
Deficit,		$88..32

Signed,

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

The report was laid on the table.

D. B. Willson gave notice of a motion to be made at the next meeting of Synod to amend Rule 30 of the rules for directing the organization and proceedings of Synod by striking out the words "or to lay on the table" in the second sentence which begins, "A motion, &c".

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 1—A memorial from Pittsburg Presbytery relative to providing for Aged Ministers, Widows and Orphans. Referred to the committee on Nominations for action.

Paper No. 2—A memorial from Kansas Presbytery relative to holding the office of school director and voting for such officers. Referred to the committee on Discipline.

The hours of business were fixed at 9 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises. Recess till 2 o'clock. Prayer by R. E. Willson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2 p. m.

Synod came to order and F. D. Frazer led in prayer.

The roll was called and the following did not answer: W. J. McBurney, H. B. McMillan, T. C. McKnight, W. A. Aikin, J. H. Walkinshaw, J. D. Edgar, T. H. Acheson, J. R. Wylie.

The minutes of the two preceding sessions were read and approved.

Presbyteries were granted permission to sit during the meeting of Synod.

The naming of the moderator's alternate to preach the sermon next year was referred to the committee on Nominations.

Synod requested the sermon delivered by Samuel Edgar, the moderator's alternate, for publication.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod was submitted and referred to the committee on Finance.

A bequest of $3,000 by Miss Margaret F. Edgar which came to the hand of the Treasurer this morning to be divided among the different boards of the church as the trustees deem best and where it is most needed was referred to the committee on Finance.

The report of the Treasurer of the Literary Fund was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

The assistant clerk was instructed to write a letter of appreciation and thanks to those persons who made such generous donations to the work of the church as indicated by the report of the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Church Erection reported. Report referred to the committee on Finance and Nominations.

The committee on Sustentation and Church Erection was by motion dropped from the list of the regular committees of Synod.

The Board of Control reported. Report referred to the committees on Finance and Nominations. The committee on Finance were instructed to take into consideration the discussion of this report on the floor of Synod in making up their report on this item.

The report of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association. Referred to the committee on Finance.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. Report referred to the committees on Foreign Missions and Finance.

The Rev. F. M. Spencer, pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Zenith, Kan., formerly president of Cooper College, was presented to the court and was granted the courtesies of the floor. The same recognition was granted the Rev. W. L. Hinshaw, pastor of the M. E. church.

A resolution offered by D. C. Mathews was referred to the committee on Foreign Missions.

The appointment of a committee to prepare a memorial on the death of Mrs. J. M. Balph, wife of our medical missionary to Syria, was referred to the committee on Nominations.

The report of the Jewish Mission Board was presented and referred to the committee on Home Missions, and to the committee on Finance.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was read, and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, were adopted. The report was laid upon the table.

Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by J. T. Mitchell.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9 a. m.

Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted in prayer by the moderator. The roll was called and the following did not respond: J. L. Boyd, John Coleman, W. C. Coleman, S. R. Davis, C. A. Dodds,

J. E. Foster, F. D. Frazer, T. J. Joseph, J. J. McElroy, O. L. Samson, O. F. Thompson, J. S. Tibby.

Devotional exercises. The minutes of the previous session were read and approvd.

A series of resolutions on the state of the nation was offered by D. B. Willson and referred to the committee on Nominations to appoint a committee to whom all such matters might be presented and which will after consideration bring before Synod a suitable action. E. K. Patton was excused from further attendance on the meeting of Synod.

The report of the committee on Temperance was made the order of the day at two o'clock.

The committee on Nominations was instructed to appoint some one to prepare and forward a letter of sympathy to Thos. Patton and family.

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 3—A memorial from Kansas Presbytery on the same subject as No. 2, was referred to the committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 4—A letter from the Synod of Ireland. Referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Paper No. 5—A memorial from Illinois Presbytery relative to placing the Selma congregation under the supervision of the Southern Mission was referred to the committee on Home Missions.

Paper No. 6—A memorial from Pacific Coast Presbytery relative to covenant renovation in 1921 was referred to a special committee.

Paper No. 7—A request from the Commission in China, was referred to the committees on Discipline and Foreign Missions.

Paper No. 8—A communication from the National American Woman Suffrage Association was referred to a special committee.

Paper No. 9—A request for the organization of the Presbytery of Central Canada. Referred to the committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 10—Report of the Evangelical Alliance. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Paper No. 11—A communication from the League to Enforce Peace, referred to the same committee as the resolutions of D. B. Willson.

Paper No. 12—A memorial from New York Presbytery relative to the securing a satisfactory form of the soldier's oath was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 13—A memorial from New York Presbyter relative to the oath of naturalization was referred to the committee on Discipline.

The minutes of the China Commission were read. The clerk was instructed to engross them on the minutes of Synod and they were referred to the committee on Foreign Missions for information.

Invitations for the Synod to hold its next meeting at New Castle, Bellefontaine, Chicago, and Beaver Falls were received and referred to the committee on Time and Place of Meeting.

The Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary reported. The report was re-committed.

The Central Board of Missions reported. Report was referred to the committees on Finance and Home Missions.

The committee on Witness Bearing reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, were adopted, while Item 5 was under discussion the hour for recess arrived.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Place of Meeting—F. E. Allen; J. S. Martin; T. C. McKnight; R. A. M. Steele; J. L. Boyd.

Home Missions—Robt. Park; W. C. Allen, S. B. Houston; A Copeland; J. A. Hemphill.

Foreign Missions—A. A. Wylie, J. B. Tweed, T. M. Slater, J. R. McGee, J. E. Huheey.

Nominations—A. A. Samson, R. J. G. McKnight, G. M. Robb, R. M. Young, J. M. Wallace.

Discipline—J. T. Mitchell, T. A. Acheson, S. J. Johnson, J. R. Kennedy, T. J. Joseph.

Supplies—S. E. Greer, D. C. Mathews, F. F. Reade, J. P. Baird, S. O. Carson.

National Reform—E. A. Crooks, J. M. Foster, J. M. Wylie, R. M. Downie, A. M. Cannon.

Finance—D. H. Elliott, E. L. McKnight, M. S. McMillan, C. A. Dodds, T. H. Martin.

Foreign Correspondence—W. J. McKnight, R. C. Montgomery, W. T. K. Thompson, J. W. Pritchard, J. J. McElroy.

Theological Seminary and Geneva College—Frank Frazer, I. A. Blackwood, Thos. McFall, J. T. Hensleigh, W. J. Elliott.

Traveling Fund—J. R. Wylie with financial agents of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS

Colorado Presbytery—J. M. Foster, W. O. Ferguson, J. L. Boyd.

Illinois Presbytery—W. C. McClurkin, S. G. Connor, Jas. Daugherty.

Iowa Presbytery—Thos. McFall, S. Kingston, S. R. Davis.

Kansas Presbytery—R. W. Piper, D. B. Martin, Henry Faris.

N. B. & N. S.—J. M. Johnson, R. A. Blair, J. E. Foster.

New York Presbytery—W. O. Ferguson, H. G. Foster, C. W. Fravel.

Ohio Presbytery—W. J. McBurney, J. R. Latimer, O. S. Groves.

Philadelphia Presbytery—H. Patterson, J. M. Faris, C. J. Lewis.

Pacific Coast Presbytery—D. R. Taggart, J. S. McGaw, W. R. Marvin.

Rochester Presbytery—M. S. McMillan, J. M. Rutherford, W. A. McClelland.

Pittsburg Presbytery—J. M. Wylie, W. C. McClurkin, R. M. McClintock.

Recess till 2 o'clock. Prayer by F. M. Wilson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2 p. m.

Recess having expired Synod re-convened and H. B. McMillan offered prayer. The roll was called and the following did not respond: J. W. Dill, C. A. Dodds, W. J. Elliot, S. J. Johnson, W. C. McClurkin, Wm. Park, G. M. Robb, J. H. Walkinshaw.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

It was resolved that at the close of the morning session tomorrow a collection should be taken to be distributed by the clerks to the typist, janitor and postmasters.

Synod expressed by vote its appreciation of the act of J. W. Pritchard in providing for the use of Synod a booklet containing the Order of Business and other useful matter and instructed the Treasurer of the Trustees of Synod to reimburse him on the basis of the cost of printing the order of business of last year.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, were adopted. The item of finance was referred to the committee on Finance and the item relative to the filling vacancies was referred to the committee on Nominations. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

The Permanent Committee on Temperance would respectfully report:

The progress of prohibition of intoxicants has occupied the public mind to an unusual extent in the recent years, and the entire trend of thought has been toward restricting the use of intoxicants. In the countries engaged in the war this has been done to some extent, although the distance they have gone is very far from what has come to be known as "bone dry."

In our own country there has been a great deal of agitation and a number of victories for prohibition in Counties and States. A number of surprises have also come in the action of State and National legislatures. Prohibition has passed the point where it was counted as material for jests.

Your committee has been occupied during the year in keeping up the agitation on this subject and presenting the temperance truths in a public way. In doing this we have used many thousands of posters, the greater number of these being used for posting on the walls of school rooms. Wherever the agitation was being carried forward we aimed to increase the interest in the discussion by having these posters placed on the schoolroom walls. We found access to the schools much easier than in some of the years that are past. County Superintendents responded more cordially, and the teachers in their replies, showed a great deal of heartiness in using these posters. Many spoke of them as being a most effective way by which to stimulate thought. We believe our church has had a healthy and far-reaching influence in aiding a very large majority of the States that have come out on the side of Prohibiion, and we believe this work is capable of great extension in the future.

We had printed 25,000 cards as follows:

Hon. .....:—

Dear Sir:—It will be a satisfaction to me to know that you are supporting the measures in Congress intended:—

To prohibit in the United States, the manufacture and sale of intoxicants, for use as a beverage:

To prohibit the sale of intoxicants in all property controlled by the United States government:

To deny the use of the mails to all liquor and tobacco advertisements:

To prohibit the shipment of liquor into Prohibition States:

And to prohibit the sale of cigarettes:

Name.....

Town.....

State.....

We distributed almost all of these to congregations and to other agencies with the request that they be signed and forwarded to Congressmen in Washington. This was in January of this year.

When war was declared, and the excitement arose in regard to food conservation, the waste of grain in the breweries and the distilleries came into rememberance, and 25,000 cards were printed as follows:

Hon. .....

DEAR SIR:—Whereas, the United States crop reports indicate that the wheat crop is far below the average, though the need is unprecedented:

And, whereas, the consumption of grain in the manufacture of beer and whiskey amounts to many millions of bushels each year:

And, whereas, the use of these beverages decreases the industrial and health efficiency of the American people at a time when these are of vital importance:

And, whereas, the American people can little expect the Lord's blessing in our resistance to foreign tyranny while we allow this traffic to have free course at home:

We would respectfully petition your honorable body to avoid giving the traffic a pseudo-patriotic excuse for existence by making it a source of increase to the national revenue, and to move at once for its speedy abolition.

Name.....

Town.....

State.....

These were all distributed, and we believe almost all signed and forwarded.

The situation in regard to the prohibition of the manufacture of all forms of liquor as a war measure, and for the conserving of food, seemed very promising as far as action by Congress was concerned, but they were awaiting a suggestion from President Wilson as to the action he desired them to take. Learning of his, we put out another postal card directed to the President as follows:

Hon. Woodrow Wilson,

DEAR SIR:—It will be a satisfaction to know that you are using your influence for the immediate suppression of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in the United States, as a war measure.

The liquor traffic is absorbing food needed to preserve the nation:

It is using up toil that should be directed in other channels:

It is destroying energy demanded by the national life:

It is creating habits that unfit the soldier for his best work, and will be a damage to him as he returns to his home life.

The nation is ready to yield its sons—but asks that their morals be protected while doing the work required.

Name.....

Town.....

State.....,

25,000 of these have been printed and have been sent out to our correspondents to be signed and posted to the President.

We hope to make farther use of the postal card in the future, and ask the hearty co-operation of all the ministers and elders and deacons and members of the church in carrying forward this work whenever there is opportunity.

Nov. 12th, 1916, and March 18th, 1917, were Temperance Sabbaths in the Sabbath School lessons. We sent out supplemental material sufficient to give to every scholar in our Church Sabbath Schools.

There is a great awakening in many minds in regard to the damage that is done by the cigarette. This is being greatly emphasized by the discovery of many boys as they go to the recruiting office and find that heart and lungs and nerves have been seriously harmed by the tobacco habit, and they are compelled to go back home with a certain dishonor resting on them as it becomes known that their own habits in the face of warning have brought this upon themselves.

It may be that even in this way the Lord may drive it home to the minds of the parents and youth that a poison, even though it may be in the popular form of tobacco, it still a poison, and hurtful to the human body.

We have issued one new poster opposing the cigarette. It is as follows:

"BOYS! Do you want to be successful business men tomorrow? Better let cigarettes alone today."

The hopeful view about all these reforms is that people are getting awake, and if they only get to see the real facts they can hardly help taking action along these lines. It is plainly our duty to take a high ground in regard to the wrong of these indulgences. We should demand a high standard of ourselves and be satisfied with no half-way measures. By condemning the evils of liquor and tobacco, and living free from them as a church, we give an added force to our testimony against them and give all possible encouragement to others to abstain from these sinful habits.

We recommend:

1. That the Permanent Committee on Temperance be directed to issue supplemental help for use in the Sabbath Schools for each Temperance Sabbath during the year.

2. That all ministers and congregations be directed to make judicious use of all material furnished by the Temperance Committee consisting of posters, stickers, postal cards and Sabbath School helps.

3. That the Committee be directed to continue in the lines of activity which they have been following in the years past.

4. That the entire Church be urged to take a high ground in all their thinking as regards the use of alcohol and tobacco, and take a more active part in the opposition to the use of these evils.

5. That every Session report to the Temperance Committee the names of all known producers, manufacturers, sellers, or users of tobacco among their congregation's members, and that the officers of this court sign a letter to be drawn up by the Temperance Committee to be sent to these members reported, and that the letter include suggestions on a means for breaking the habit.

6. We request $2,000 for the coming year's work.

7. The time of W. W. Carithers and T. G. Graham expires at this time.

Signed,
W. W. CARITHERS, Chairman,
J. G. McELHINNEY,
F. E. ALLEN,
T. G. GRAHAM,
T. C. WEIR.

The report of the committee on Psalmody was presented and taken up item by item for adoption.

While Item 1 was under consideration the hour for adjournment arrived and the report was laid on the table.

A. Kilpatrick was excused from attendance on the meeting of Synod after tomorrow morning. Adjourned. Prayer by S. B. Houston.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9 a. m.

Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted in prayer by the moderator. The roll was called and the following did not answer: A. M. Cannon, John Coleman, J. W. Dill, Henry Faris, J. E. Foster, J. C. French, J. E. Huheey, T. J. Joseph, W. R. Marvin, Thos. McKelvey, W. J. McMillan, E. G. Russell.

Devotional exercises.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

The committee on Nominations made a partial report which was approved. It was resolved that the further consideration of the report on Psalmody be postponed till all reports that have to be referred be presented.

The committee on Nominations was directed to name a committee to prepare a suitable expression of Synod's sympathy for S. J. Crowe.

The assistant clerk reported having performed the duty laid upon him by the instructions of the court on Thursday afternoon.

Papers were called for. Paper No. 14—A request of C. A. Dodds relative to the restatement of the Terms of Communion was presented and laid on the table to give way to reports that need to be referred.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. The report was referred to the committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

The Trustees of Geneva College reported. Referred to the committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College and the committee on Finance.

The Rev. R. T. Campbell, D. D., the president of Cooper College was introduced to the court and was extended the courtesies of the floor.

The Presbyteries made their annual reports which were accepted and all except that of Philadelphia were referred to the committee on Supplies. They are as follows:

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report:

One regular meeting was held during the year and called meetings as necessity arose.

There are four congregations under our care. One has a settled pastor; two have calls pending, and the other is granted moderation of call in the very near future.

La Junta Congregation became vacant in September, 1916, by the resignation of E. A. Crooks, to accept a pastorate in Pittsburg Presbytery.

H. B. McMillan is engaged in Sabbath School work. J. T. Wilson is superannuated.

Our statistical report was forwarded to stated clerk.

Our Traveling Fund is full. W. J. McBurney is Chairman of Committee on Supplies.

We may need the full time of three laborers, but hope to need none.

Signed,
W. J. McBURNEY, Clerk.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year one regular and one special meeting of Presbytery was held; also one meeting of the Ad Interim Commission.

Eight congregations are under our care. Three of these are without settled pastors. Eight ministers are on our roll. Chas.

Thompson Carson was licensed May 9, 1917, at Oakdale. Melville K. Carson has completed one year in the Seminary. We ask for the half time of one laborer for the ensuing year. The full time of R. S. McElhinney and the time of Chas. T. Carson for the month of May, 1918, is at the disposal of the Synod.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the clerk in due time. Our Travelling Fund is paid in full. J. M. Coleman is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. FERGUSON,
Clerk of Presbytery.

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY

The Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular meeting and two special meetings during the year.

The Interim Commission has held four meetings.

We have nine congregations under our care and eight ministers on our roll, six of whom are pastors, one a missionary, one a National Reform worker.

The Presbytery asks for one-half time of one man for the coming year.

W. C. Allen was released from Lake Reno congregation February 6, 1917, and installed at Rehoboth congregation the same date.

S. R. Wallace was received from Kansas Presbytery June 8th, 1917, and his name added to our roll.

S. E. Greer is Chairman of Committee on Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time.

Our traveling fund is full.

Signed,
T. C. McKNIGHT, Clerk.

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular meeting during the year besides the meetings at Synod. The Interim Commission has held eight meetings.

There are eighteen congregations under our care and four mission stations. The Robstown mission has done well in its support of the Church during the past year, but on account of a decrease in membership and distance from available supplies, they do not ask for aid during the coming year. Irving Place has been developed under the direction of Interim Commission. Lieb has been under the leadership of J. Ralston Wylie and Minneola under the direction of Stafford session.

All of our congregations have pastors except Tabor, Wahoo and Cache Creek. Cache Creek is provided for as formerly by W. W. Carithers with the assistance of Owen F. Thompson.

Of the twenty-four ministers on our roll, two are laboring at the Indian Mission, one is in the Levant, one engaged in secular work, and the rest are laboring in vacant congregations or mission stations as the opportunity is given them to preach. We have four

licentiates—Wylie Redpath, R. C. Adams, John K. Gault and J. C. Mitchell—under our care.

W. S. Fulton was transferred to Ohio Presbytery May 12, 1917. S. R. Wallace to Iowa Presbytery May 9, 1917, S. M. Morrow to New York Presbytery May 9, 1917, and A. M. Thompson was received from Ohio Presbytery February 8, 1917. John K. Gault was licensed to preach on May 9, 1917, and Wylie Redpath May 30, 1917.

The full time of H. G. McConaughy, Isaiah Faris, A. M. Thompson, Wylie Redpath, J. W. Dill and Owen F. Thompson; part time of John K. Gault, R. C. Adams and J. C. Mitchell is at the disposal of the Synod.

Tabor, Billings, Dennison, Winchester and Eskridge have been examined by a commission of Presbytery.

We request the full time of three additional laborers.

Our statistical report was in due time forwarded to the Stated Clerk and our Travelling Fund is full.

Elmer G. Russell is Chairman of our Committee on Supplies and S. J. Johnson is our financial agent.

Respectfully submitted,
F. E. ALLEN, Clerk.

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY

New York Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings during the year. We have fifteen congregations of which Cambridge, Montclair, Second Newburgh and Walton are vacant.

We have eighteen ministers enrolled; eleven pastors, one a member of the Faculty of Geneva College, three missionaries, one Pastor Emeritus of the Second Congregation, New York City, one engaged in preaching as a supply and one engaged in secular work.

Cameron Brooks Reed was on the first day of May licensed to preach the Gospel.

J. R. Thompson, pastor of Second Newburg, died March 27, 1917. The full time of Thos. Patton is at the disposal of the Synod.

We ask the full time of two men, one of whom to be Rev. R. E. Wilson, if this be possible, and the time of Cameron Brooks Reed for the three months of the Seminary vacation.

S. G. Shaw is Chairman of our Committee on Supplies. Our statistics have been forwarded. Our Traveling Fund is full.

Signed,
R. J. DODDS, Clerk.

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

One regular meeting was held during the year and six meetings of the Ad Interim Commission.

There are twelve congregations and two mission stations in the Presbytery. Four of the congregations are without settled pastors.

We have twelve ministers on our roll. A. M. Thompson was released from Utica on September 13, 1916, and certified to Kan-

sas Presbytery. D. O. Jack was released from Ray, Feb. 26, 1917. D. Bruce Martin was received from Pittsburg Presbytery as a licentiate and ordained and installed pastor of Utica congregation on May 10, 1917. W. S. Fulton was received from Kansas Presbytery June 8, 1917. J. M. Faris is stated supply at Bellefontaine.

The full time of T. C. Sproull, D. O. Jack and W. S. Fulton is at the disposal of the Synod. It is requested that the last named be assigned to our Presbytery for the entire year. We ask, in addition, the full time of one laborer.

W. C. Coleman is Chairman of our Committee on Supplies, and John E. Foster of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is Presbyterial Treasurer.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time and our Travelling Fund is full.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK F. READE, Clerk.

REPORT OF PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

Pacific Coast Presbytery respectfully reports as follows:

One regular meeting was held during the year. The Interim Commission held one meeting.

There are eight congregations under our care. All of these, except Content, have settled pastors. H. G. McConaughy of Kansas Presbytery, has been stated supply with Content congregation. J. C. French was installed pastor of Regina congregation August 4, 1916.

Eight ministers are on our roll. Seven of these are pastors. We record the death of J. M. Armour March 20, 1917, at Seattle, Washington.

We ask for the time of one laborer.

J. C. French is Chairman of Committee on Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Our quota to Synod's Travelling Fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
F. D. FRAZER, Clerk.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings and one special meeting of Presbytery during the year. We have three congregations, each of which have pastors. There are no students of Theology, and no congregations requesting aid.

The work of the year has been encouraging.

Our statistical report has been duly forwarded; and our traveling fund is paid in full.

Signed,
J. C. McFEETER, Moderator,
M. M. PEARCE, Clerk.

REPORT OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since our last report we have held two regular meetings.

We have twenty-seven congregations under our care. Seven-

teen have settled pastors and two have stated supplies. We have thirty-six ministers enrolled and four licentiates.

J. C. K. Faris and D. C. Martin were removed by death during the past year, the former on Nov. 17, 1916, and the latter on December 26, 1916.

Licentiate Anthony Khouri has charge of the Pittsburg Syrian Mission and is doing an encouraging work.

Oil Creek congregation was disorganized during the past year by the death of one elder and the removal of another beyond the bounds of the congregation.

R. H. Martin was released from the pastorate of the College Hill congregation June 12, 1916.

R. J. G. McKnight was released from the pastorate of the Wilkinsburgh congregation October 24, 1916.

Licentiate D. Bruce Martin was certified to Ohio Presbytery April 24, 1917, having accepted the call to the Utica congregation.

Boyd A. White was licensed to preach the Gospel at a meeting of Presbytery in the Wilkinsburgh church, May 8, 1917.

We have one student of Theology under our care—Boyd A. White.

A call from Slippery Rock congregation upon R. A. Blair has been sustained as a regular Gospel call and has been forwarded to Philadelphia Presbytery for presentation.

The full time of the following laborers is at the disposal of the Synod:

Licentiates: Robert Graham, J .Burt Willson and Boyd White.

Ministers: R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, A. J. McFarland, Sr., W. P. Johnston, T. A. McElwain, R. J. McIsaacs, B. M. Sharp.

We ask for the full time of two laborers.

Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

D. C. Mathews is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BOYD TWEED, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

Two regular meetings have been held during the year.

We have five congregations under our care, all of which have settled pastors except Lisbon, which has a stated supply for six months.

We have six ministers on our roll, four of whom are settled pastors; one, Wm. McFarland is stated supply for six months at Lisbon.

The full time of J. B. Gilmore and the half time of Wm. McFarland, November—April, inclusive, are at the disposal of the Synod.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to Synod's Clerk.

Synod's traveling fund is paid in full.

A. A. Wylie is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Signed,

A. A. WYLIE, Clerk.

REPORT OF N. B. and N. S. PRESBYTERY

The N. B. & N. S. Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one meeting during the year. There are three congregations under our care. Two of these are without pastors.

During last year each of these vacant congregations had preaching about eight Sabbaths. We have been trying for several weeks to get a laborer for this part of the vineyard, but so far have failed.

We ask for the time of one laborer from the present time until the end of November.

Signed,

THOS. McFALL, Clerk.

The Board of Sustentation reported. The report was referred to the committee on Finance.

The report of the Covenanter Members of the National Reform Association was presented and referred to the committee on National Reform.

The report of the committee on Evangelistic Work was presented. The item of Finance was referred to the committee on Finance and the report was laid on the table for the present.

The report of the Mission Conference was read and referred to the committee on Finance. A request for a supplement to the salary of J. R. W. Stevenson was referred to the committee on Finance, and a request of Iowa Presbytery relative to the Orr fund received the same reference.

Paper No. 15 was referred to the committee on Nominations.

Paper No. 16 was referred to the Central Board to report to the Synod of 1918.

The collection ordered by Synod was taken. It amounted to $35.15. Adjourned till 9 a. m. Monday morning, A. A. Wylie leading in prayer.

MONDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9 a. m.

Synod met at 9 o'clock and was constituted in prayer by the moderator. The roll was called and the follow-

ing did not answer: W. W. Carithers, D. H. Elliot, J. M. Faris, W. J. McBurney, H. B. McMillan, R. C. Montgomery, W. M. Moore, M. M. Pearce, J. W. Wilson.

Devotional exercises. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The report of the committee on Foreign and on Home Missions was made the order of the day at 2 o'clock. W. J. Smith was granted leave of absence after the morning session.

R. M. Sommerville presented by letter his resignation from the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary and the Board of Foreign Missions. The resignation was not accepted and the Synod directed that Mr. Sommerville be notified of this action by the clerk.

A paper on the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the publication of Luther's Theses was referred to a special committee for revision and abbreviation, the committee to be namd by the committee on Nominations.

Rev. W. M. McNeal of Richmond, Kansas, pastor of the Associate Church was introduced and extended the courtesies of the floor.

The financial report of the National Reform Association was read and referred to the committee on National Reform.

Paper No. 14 was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Discipline.

The report of the Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary was again submitted and referred to the committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College and the committee on Finance.

A letter from P. P. Boyd was received by the court and the committee on Nominations was instructed to appoint one to frame a suitable reply.

The report of the committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table and Item 15 was taken up for consideration.

D. C. Faris and R. M. Sommerville were added to the list of those to whom letters of sympathy should be sent.

Recess till 2 p. m. Prayer by Isaiah Faris.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2 p. m.

Synod came to order and H. G. McConaughy led in prayer. The roll was called and the following did not respond: A. M. Cannon, C. W. Fravel, J. C. French, D. B. Martin, W. J. McBurney, J. J. McElroy, W. J. McMillan, W. H. Middleton.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. R. M. Downey, W. J. McMillan, O. S. Groves, and J. M. Milligan were excused from further attendance after the present session.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was taken up item by item for adoption. Under the discussion of Item 1 the foreign missionaries present were introduced to the court. A. I. Robb, R. A. Blair, M. M. Pearce and F. M. Wilson spoke in behalf of the cause. Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. Item 4 was re-committed. The report was laid upon the table till the committee should again report. The time was extended till six o'clock.

The committee on Home Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 5 were adopted. Under the discussion of Item 3 the workers in the Indian, Jewish, and Southern Missions which were present were introduced to the court Miss Wickerham, O. F. Thompson, Elder Yellowfish and his son Timothy spoke in behalf of the Indian Mission. Miss Forsythe spoke for the Jewish Mission. Miss Weir, G. A. Edgar and S. F. Kingston spoke for the Southern Mission. Item 4 was amended by adding the name of R. C. Reed and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report:

That three papers have been referred to this committee for consideration. The report of the Central Board of Missions; the report of the Jewish Mission Board, and the Memorial of the Illinois Presbytery, concerning the placing of the Southern Mission and Selma congregation under one supervision.

We are gratified to note in the reports of these Mission Boards the indefatigible spirit with which our laborers work in their respective fields. We also note with much appreciation the prominent place that the study and committing of the scripture have in these Mission Schools.

We recommend:

1st. That the Southern Mission and Selma congregation be not placed under one supervision.

2nd. That we express our appreciation of the earnest and faithful work of our missionaries to the Jews, the negroes, and the Indians, and commend them to the prayers of all our people.

3rd. That in connection with this report, W. W. Carithers be heard in behalf of the Indian Mission; George A. Edgar, in behalf of the Southern Mission and Miss Anna Forsythe in behalf of the Jewish Mission. We ask, also, that S. F. Kingston be heard in behalf of his work among his colored brethren, and the missionaries of the Indian Mission who are present in this Synod be presented to Synod.

4th. That W. J. Coleman, R. C. Wylie, A. C. Coulter and R. W. Wallace be elected to succeed themselves on the Central Board of Missions.

5th. That F. M. Wilson, R. W. Duncan, and M. M. Pearce be elected to succeed themselves on the Jewish Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT PARK, Chairman,
W. C. ALLEN,
A. COPELAND.
S. B. HOUSTON,
J. A. HEMPHILL.
Committee.

REPORT OF CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Central Board of Missions would respectfully report:

That we have held six regular meetings during the year. At the first meeting the Board decided to meet the third Monday of each alternate month.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS

The Board has paid the supplements to aid-receiving congregations to the amount approved by Synod. Some adjustments were necessary to meet changed conditions in congregations, and in some cases of settlements supplements were granted.

Receipts for the year	$12,212.28
Expenditures for the year	11,511.50
Overdrafts for the year	477.29
Last year there was overdraft	1,178.07
Received from congregations	5,002.06

We request for this mission an appropriation of $16,000.00.

SOUTHERN MISSION

There were 509 enrolled at Knox this year, East Selma 51, Pleasant Grove 79, total 639. Last year the total was 844. The kindergarten department was dropped, and there was a small enrollment in the middle grades. At the same time the enrollment in the grammar school and the high school was unusually high, and the attendance was good. The rooms occupied by these departments were taxed to the utmost of their capactiy. There were five girls and one boy in the graduating class.

The main reason for the decrease in numbers was hard times. Money was scarce, food prices were high. Summer floods destroyed much property of the colored people, and hence, they were less able to send their children to school. Some families came north. There are a greater number of children in Selma than usual not in any school.

In the Industrial department there are 103 boys and 153 girls. Two of the boys took the work in blacksmithing, 101 in carpentry; 153 girls received instructions in sewing, and 109 in cooking and general housework.

EVANGELISTIC

We will report the religious part of the work in the words of the superintendent. He says: "The day's work begins with worship in the chapel. Each of the primary and intermediate grades commits to memory portions of the scripture selected by the teacher, and answers and questions of the catechisms every day. In the grammar school the text of the coming Sabbath School lesson is memorized. In the high school we have introduced the use of a text book of Bible study and the pupils are required to pass an examination on this just the same as in any other subject. They also have a certain portion of scripture to memorize."

"On the Sabbath we have the most of the scholars in the Sabbath School, either in the morning or in the afternoon. Those who do not attend on the Sabbath are taught the lesson Monday evening after school. The average attendance Monday evening has been 63; on Sabbath afternoon 119, and on Sabbath morning 182. The total average at Knox alone has been 364 weekly."

Every other Friday afternoon the pupils of the high school and of the grammar school, each in their own rooms, conduct a Junior Endeavor or prayer meeting. On Tuesday morning the teachers meet for a half-hour of prayer before school. Most of the teachers have been faithful in visiting the homes of the children. The Sabbath School work has also been carried on at the out-stations of Pleasant Grove, East Selma and Valley Creek." He also reports that he has preached every Sabbath except two, at Knox, or one of the Mission stations.

He also writes: "I regret to say that we can report no conversions or additions to the church. Nevertheless, we are assured our labor is not in vain in the Lord. The mind of youth furnishes a hopeful soil in which the workers of the mission are sedulously sowing the seeds of truth."

Receipts for the year	$9,717.67
Expenditures for the year	9,466.92
Balance for the year	879.03

We request for this Mission $6,500.00.

INDIAN MISSION

The superintendent of this mission writes: The year just past has been an uneventful one. The report, however, indicates that good work has been done, and the harvest has been considerable.

The farm has not been as fruitful as in some years, and yet it furnished a great part of their provisions for the year. The report reads:

"This year the Mission force is planting and caring for the garden and field with special diligence."

The school work is now entirely of the kindergarten grade. There were 17 enrolled during the year. The aim of the school is to lay a good foundation for entering the public school, and for a good knowledge of Bible truth. These children are well received in the public schools, and give a good account of themselves in their work.

The aim of the workers is to make the Mission a center from which the Gospel light will shine forth in all directions. They have several mission stations some miles out from the mission. They have Sabbath Schools each Sabbath at these stations and preaching as often as possible. Wagons are sent out to bring in scholars, and take them home after the service.

From such faithful work, we should expect great results for surely the word will not return void. The vision of the superintendent has not been realized. There is the diversity we find in the parable of the Sower. We will select a few sentences from the report: "We have not been able to make the impression upon those we have been aiming to reach that we desired. Among those already members of the church, we believe that in many cases good progress has been made. In a number of lives this seems evident in the efforts they have put forth and the results they have attained." Others are living entirely too careless of any responsibility, and much of their lives is spent in a way that to say the least is not honoring to the Master. The old Indian habits and associations continue to hold too much of their attention, and along with this, there is too little attraction for them in spiritual things. One encouraging feature is the fact that was noted in last year's report, that Indian homes are being established in the locality of the Mission, and thus these young people exhibit the determination to make these homes more like our ideals.

There is very little opposition to the Gospel, but indifference prevails. The word sounds good enough to them. They are pleased to have Christians visit their camp, to have them show an interest in them, but that is almost all there is in it.

"There has been no serious sickness at the Mission during the year. The hand of our God has been upon us for good, in very many ways, and we record this with thankfulness."

Receipts for the year	$5,417.69
Expenditures for the year	8,003.65
Overdraft for the year	846.57

Request for this Mission $6,500.00.

The time for which W. J. Coleman, R. C. Wylie, A. C. Coul-

ter and R. W. Wallace were elected, expires at this time. Their successors should be chosen by this Synod.

Signed,

S. G. CONOR, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION BOARD

During the past year the Jewish Mission has experienced unusual extremes of lights and shadows, of encouragements and discouragements in the work. First of all, soon after the report of last year, the plague of infantile paralysis spread over this city to such an extent that all schools and other places where children gathered were closed by quarantine regulations. This almost completely stopped the work at the Mission for nearly two months. Following this came the resignation of Mr. Blair. After three years of earnest endeavor he became convinced that the Mission did not call for just that kind of service which he was qualified to render, and that the work should be carried on mainly along other lines of activity. The difficulty which he found was in the necessary limitations to his preaching. The people understood only the Yiddish language, and he was unable to speak to them in that tongue. Accordingly, on the first of November, we lost at the Mission the services of Mr. Blair. It is only reporting our experience frankly to you to say that we were very much discouraged by this resignation. Seeking to judge situations fairly, we thought that if Mr. Blair could not reach the people, the prospect of a successful work was not bright.

However, we accepted the advice of Mr. Blair, based on his three years' experience in the work, that a visiting missionary skilled in organizing and conducting children's and women's classes and efficient in reaching and talking with the people in their homes should be secured. This, it was explained, would necessarily be a woman missionary. Miss Emma McFarland was chosen to be associated with Miss Forsythe in the work. The result has been most gratifying to the Board, and has vindicated Mr. Blair's view that by such methods the Jewish people could be best reached. At the time of Miss McFarland's election we asked her to come only until the present meeting of Synod, under the thought that we might at this time come to you and tell you our difficulties and ask whether or not you wished the work continued? The work of the year, however, has been such that we have no hesitation in reporting to you that we are well satisfied with it, that we think it is going forward under the favor of God, that we consider last year one of our most effective years, and that we ask your continued support. Miss McFarland has been elected for another year, and has accepted the position.

During the year Miss Forsythe and Miss McFarland have labored together with a spirit of co-operation of devotion and of faith which has been a source of inspiration to all the friends of the mission, and which has made the year's work a success. Their own devotion has further enlisted the services of others and some of the members of the local churches have added their efforts to the work. There is now a Sabbath School with an average attendance of 35; a Sabbath evening meeting with an average attendance of 24; a prayer meeting with an attendance of 15; a special prayer circle with a membership of 6; a Mercy Band with an attendance

of 37; a mothers' meeting with an attendance of 8; and a girl's Sewing Class with an attendance of 35. The missionaries have made 1575 visits during the year, and had 220 interviews with inquirers at the mission. There have been made and distributed 148 garments of various kinds. Ninety-one copies of the Scriptures have been distributed. The Sabbath School has raised $43.57 which has been sent to the relief of the lepers in China, the Armenians in Syria, and to our own domestic mission fund. Miss Mazie Steele raised or contributed $100.00 to send three of the Jewish girls to Northfield last summer where they were cared for in the home of Mrs. Peebles.

Altogether the work is being efficiently and successfully carried forward, and we are glad to report to you that the workers are accomplishing as well as they can the Lord's work and your work in the Mission. We are doing something at least toward carrying the Gospel to God's estranged, yet covenanted people.

We wish also to make mention of the cordial support of the mission which the church gave when it was needed and asked. At the meeting of the Board in March, it was discovered that the treasury was overdrawn $328.17. This was serious to us, as the Mission has no reserve funds of its own to draw upon. Through the columns of the Christian Nation, and the Olive Trees, this overdraft was reported to the church and an appeal was made for money. At the meeting of the Board, two months later, the treasurer was able to report a balance in the treasury of $394.76.

To pass from a deficit of $328.00 to a balance of $394.00 within two months, and as the result of a very moderate appeal, was a very gratifying transition. This generous and prompt response of the church was a surprise even to the Board, and we wish to express our appreciation of it. It encourages us to believe that the work is in the mind and on the heart of the church as we had hardly known it was.

The opportunity to visit some of our congregations and women's presbyterial societies has enabled the Board to arrange for Miss Anna Forsythe to be present at this meeting of Synod. We are greatly pleased to introduce her to this court, and we hope that you will hear her in regard to her work. She is a devoted, faithful and efficient worker, whom you will be glad to hear. She has been with the Mission for four years.

For the coming year we ask an appropriation of $3,500.00.

The time for which F. M. Wilson, R. W. Duncan, J. R. Bell and M. M. Pearce were elected has expired and their successors should be chosen.

Signed,
J. C. McFEETERS, President.
McLEOD M. PEARCE, Secretary.

A petition from certain members of the Board of Trustees asking Synod to increase the salary of the Treasurer was referred to the committee on Finance.

The committee on Nominations made a partial report which was adopted. Synod adjourned in prayer by J. S. Martin to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9 a. m.

Synod met at 9 o'clock and was constituted in prayer by the moderator. The roll was called and the following did not respond: S. G. Conner, Robt. Clark, Clark Pollock. Devotional exercises. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The special committee to report action on the state of the country submitted the following which was adopted:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your Committee has received three papers:—A series of resolutions offered by D. B. Willson on the present war, a letter from one of the secretaries of the League to Enforce Peace, and a communication from Elder Wm. T. Park of the same character as the first.

The second paper calls attention to the formation of the League in Philadelphia, June 17, 1915, to advocate a concert of power among the nations to maintain the peace of the world. This requires no action beside notice of the movement.

The other papers we have combined in the following proposed deliverance:

1. The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in session at Sterling, Kansas, this 12th day of June, 1917, expresses its belief that the entrance of the United States into the great conflict was justifiable, war being "thrust upon" this country by the might of the oppressor.

2. In the light of God's Word, we take this world-wide war to be the judgment of Almighty God on the Powers of the world for their sins.

3. We love our country, we heartily acknowledge the excellence of its institutions, and from Colonial days have sought its welfare, and have joined in the securing and the maintenance of its independence and integrity.

4. Yet, from the first, we have been constrained in conscience to dissent from the Federal Constitution on account of the omission to acknowledge God, and the Messiah and His Law; and we believe that God has a controversy with us as with other nations for the attitude taken towards Him.

5. It becomes us, therefore, as a nation to humble ourselves in the presence of the fearful judgments of God, and to implore Him to have mercy on us; and not on us only, but on all peoples, and to restore peace and good will, giving repentance and leading all nations to own and serve Him.

6. We respectfully petition the President, who has already recognized Sabbath, the first day of July as "Patriotic Sabbath," for the Sabbath schools of the country, to designate the day thus set apart also as a day for prayer to Almighty God "in His appointed way through Jesus Christ" that he may pardon and bless our nation.

7. We urge our fellow countrymen to unite with us in promoting the acknowledgement of God in the fundamental law, and the owning of the authority of Christ, "the Governor of the Nations," and the acceptance of His Will in what relates to National Life.

This action we take because God is a merciful God, as well as just. His ear is ever open to hear the prayers of the penitent, and in this awful distress, we may not rely on our own strength, and equipment, but look to Him to establish righteousness and peace in the earth.

Respectfully submitted,
D. B. WILLSON, Chairman,
D. BRUCE MARTIN,
W. R. MARVIN.
Committee.

R. J. Dodds, O. L. Samson and D. R. Taggart were excused from further attendance.

Rev. W. B. Watson, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Beloit, Kansas, was introduced and extended the courtesies of the floor.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was taken from the table. It was amended and adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would respectfully report:

The true aim of the Sabbath School is "to make wise unto Salvation." The school that attains this end has succeeded. All others have failed. We might each one pause to enquire, "What kind is mine?"

On good authority we are informed that in North America only one church member in four is in Sabbath School at all. Where are the other three? Too old? Well enough informed on spiritual matters? Are they reading the Sunday newspaper while Sabbath School is in progress? Are they standing just outside the church talking worldly matters while Sabbath School goes on within? Is there no place for them in the Sabbath School? Have they considered the power of their unworthy example upon the youth?

We are creditably informed that there are more children and young people not receiving religious instruction of any kind in this country today, than are enrolled in the Sabbath School.

And, again, we have this startling probability to face, that **one-half of all Sabbath School scholars are never won for Christ.** One-half million boys and girls drift out of the Sabbath School every year. The leakage here is tremendous and an exceedingly serious matter it is. If the very aim for which the Sabbath School exists is to win souls for Christ and to build Christian character, what shall be said to these startling statistics?

Perhaps these figures do overdraw, somewhat, the condition in our own church, and yet we fear that they quite fairly interpret the general Sabbath School situation. Nor are we free from the

baneful influence of this general condition. It is to be noted further, and with dissatisfaction that a large percentage of those who have attended Sabbath School for years are lamentably ignorant of the things of God.

Is the Sabbath School measuring up to her task, with that high degree of efficiency which its stupendous importance demands? Is improvement not possible and greatly needed?

It is our conviction that an all too popular opinion prevails today, to the effect that it is enough that children be brought into the Sabbath school and retained there. No particular church relation or fellowship is considered necessary. The emphasis is upon the Sabbath School rather than upon the church. Whether consciously or unconsciously, the Sabbath School is exalted in importance above the church. Children are quick to catch the popular idea, and hence, what we see all over this land—great multitudes of Sabbath School children filing out of the church every Sabbath in utter disregard of the church services. It is not surprising that these children are largely lost to the church, and consequently to the Christian life.

What is sorely needed is a radical revision of this popular conception. People, especially Sabbath School workers, need to be reminded, and children taught that the relation between the Sabbath School and the church is one of **identity.** As one has aptly said, "To conceive of the Sabbath School as one separate, independent or rival institution set up alongside of the church is a grievious error. The Sabbath School is simply the Church of Christ exercising the authority with which He has invested her, and employing the talents with which He has endowed her to do the work with which He has entrusted her." The Sabbath School must stand in vital union with the church. The relation must be so close, that, to quote again, "The spiritual forces of the Church's life will flow out through every branch and twig and leaf and flower and fruit of the organism of the Sabbath School."

The importance of the church, with her divinely appointed and sealing ordinances, must be held up constantly before the Sabbath School children. To lead their pupils into the church fellowship and into the church life and into the church service, ought to be the purpose of every Sabbath School officer and teacher.

A more aggressive spirit of evangelism ought to pervade the Sabbath School. The salvation of the soul should be the guiding star of every Sabbath School worker. Every teacher should know whether his or her scholars have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and, if not, why not? Every scholar must be brought face to face with that greatest of all questions, "Am I a Christian?"

More efficient teaching in the Sabbath School is a most urgent requirement. Persons possessing no talents or who lack the soul-winning instinct, should have no place on the teaching force of the school.

It is certainly high time that we should come to regard the spiritual training of our youth of at least as great importance as their mental training. While teachers of our public schools are carefully trained at great cost of time, effort, and money, it is to be feared that very little attention is given in the average Sabbath School to the preparation of teachers for their most important task.

If soldiers must be carefully trained to enable them to kill men successfully, surely we will appreciate the importance of training those whose business is, not to destroy men's lives, but to save their souls.

More and better equipment, too, is greatly needed in many schools. It would add much in point of efficiency to have separate class rooms, maps, charts, blackboards, sand tables and good illustrative material of various kinds.

The Sabbath School certainly ought to be graded. No school can reach a high degree of efficiency without this. A proper class for every scholar, and every scholar in his proper class, should be the motto of every Sabbath School.

More solid study of the Word of God, in a form adapted to the capacities of the scholar, in its direct application to the soul, would impart a mighty lift to many a Sabbath School.

We recommend:

1. That Sessions, Sabbath School officers and teachers be urged to give more earnest attention to the effort to stop the leakage between the Sabbath School and the Church.

2. That Sessions see to it that careful attention be given to the selection of officers and teachers for the Sabbath School and that earnest effort be made to secure in every Sabbath School a Teachers' Training class.

3. That Sessions and Sabbath school officers be urged to provide proper Sabbath School equipment for use in their various schools.

4. That earnest effort be made by Sessions and Sabbath School officers and teachers to grade, so far as possible, their schools.

5. That the Committee on Sabbath Schools to report to Synod two years hence, be appointed at this meeting and that this Committee arrange for a Conference on Sabbath Schools in connection with the next meeting of Synod, and further, that the Committee during the two years to come place before the church through the Christian Nation and in other ways, all the valuable Sabbath School matter possible.

6. Resolved, that the Committee on Sabbath schools secure the publication of martyr stories of the Covenanter Church in form suitable for use in the primary grades of our Sabbath Schools. The purpose of this action is to have them published in a series, the first to be ready, if possible, by the first of September.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McKNIGHT, Chairman,
J. BOYD TWEED,
S. F. KINGSTON,
S. P. WYLIE.

Committee.

The committee on Nominations was instructed to name some one to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. W. C. Allen.

The report of the committee on Evangelistic Work was taken from the table. Item No. 5 was amended and

adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELIST WORK

Your Committee would respectfully report that we have held three meetings during the past year. Heretofore we have not had very definite information of the Evangelistic work done throughout the church, and hence have been handicapped in knowing how to push the work in Evangelism.

This year, information blanks were sent out, and much valuable information was obtained, information that will materially help the work of the Committee in the future. However, of the 114 blanks sent out, only 70 replies were received, and that, though a stamped envelope with the name and address of the Chairman of the Committee was enclosed. We feel that we had a right to expect a more hearty response. We can report then only on the 70 reports sent in. The questions asked were as follows:

1. Have you a class for the study of personal work?
2. What text-book do you use?
3. Have you at any time preached on personal work?
4. Do your elders do personal work?
5. Do your Sabbath School teachers?
6. Do the members?
7. Is there any effort made after the public service to reach the unbeliever personally?
8. In your opinion what is the reason that the average member is so averse to doing this work?
9. Have you a Mission Sabbath School?
10. Have you Mission pupils in your regular Sabbath School?
11. Do you have a Home Department connected with your Sabbath School?
12. What success has attended the work of the Mission Sabbath school, and the Home Department in winning to faith?
13. Have you a Men's Bible Class in which there are unbelieving men?
14. Have you held any campaign of consecutive evangelistic meetings?
15. Do you have Cottage Prayer-Meetings in the homes of the unbelievers?
16. Have you conducted any other evangelistic services, as shop, school or street meetings?
17. Do you use evangelistic tracts?
18. Have you planned to carry out the recent recommendations of the Committee?

Of the 70 replies received, three report that they are now conducting a Class in How to do Personal Work; 18 report that they have had classes in the past; 47 report Mission pupils in the Sabbath School; 16 report that they have a Mission Sabbath School; 27 report a Home Department in the Sabbath School, and 6 that they expect to start one soon; 8 report Men's Bible Classes with unbelieving men; 24 report having held Evangelistic Meetings in school houses, shops, hospitals or jails; 15 report having held a series of Evangelistic meetings; 32 report having carried out, or

planning to carry out the recommendations of the Committee. All report to have preached on the subject of Personal Work.

The report shows that many of our members make no effort to bring the lost to saving faith in Christ. To the question, "In your opinion, what is the reason that the average member is so averse to doing this work?" various answers are given, and we embody many of these in this report that you may have them before you for reflection and consideration. They are as follows:—"Not customary in Covenanter Church; and it requires more courage than is usually found to break thru the custom; they are not accustomed to doing it in our denomination; lack of training; lack of zeal for souls; lack of spirituality; lack of surrender; lack of interest; lack of vision; lack of piety; perhaps lack of leadership; lack of training owing to importance we have given to other lines of work; lack of faith and consecration; lack of feeling of responsibility for the lost; lack of loyalty to Jesus Christ and consequent fear of rebuff and scorn; timidity; inability; indifference; fear; little courage; thoughtlessness; diffidence; backwardness; worldliness; unbelief; never have tried it and are fearful of being rebuffed; sin in heart that quenches the Holy Spirit; no conscious pleasure in religion themselves, hence no enthusiasm; rush of secular work; sometimes it will seem like meddling in other peoples' business; the devil is not dead; not making sufficient progress in grace to assure themselves of the spirit's power; Christ means too little to them; not enough interest in the salvation of souls or in the advancement of the Kingdom; the average member does not feel that he is qualified; some object to spasmodic efforts; comparatively few unbelievers have been or are being brought to accept our principles, which leaves our people without lively hope of success; think it is the minister's work."

We submit these answers to your prayerful consideration.

Dr. T. H. Acheson and Dr. W. J. Coleman have written and had published in the Olive Trees and Christian Nation articles on Evangelism, at the request of this Committee. Other articles are to follow by the other members of the Committee.

We have assisted Kansas City congregation to the extent of $25 and Faith Congregation to the extent of $10, for special Evangelistic services. Our expenses for printing and postage have been $13.67.

We recommend as follows: First, that our pastors engage more aggressively in the work of Evangelistic preaching.

Second, that a Home Department be established in each Sabbath School.

Third, that classes for training, and how to do personal work be formed where such classes have not been or are not now formed.

Fourth, that $500 be appropriated for this work.

Fifth, that the Committee on Evangelistic work be permitted to submit a report each year except when an evening is used for a Conference.

The time for which W. J. Coleman and R. A. M. Steele have been elected has expired and their successors should be chosen.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBT. PARK, Chairman,

W. J. COLEMAN,
T. H. ACHESON,
M. M. PEARCE.
R. A. M. STEELE.
Committee.

The report of the committee on Witness Bearing was taken from the table. Items 5 and 6 were adopted. Item 7 was referred to the committee on Finance and the filling of vacancies to the committee on Nominations. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WITNESS BEARING

The Committee on Witness Bearing would respectfully report that in the fall before the meeting of Congress and before the prospect of war absorbed the attention of the country we sent out letters on Psalmody to about sixteen thousand ministers. The tract generally used was "Psalms versus Hymns," with a list of our literature. Many replies were received, showing that the question of what should be sung in the worship of God is not entirely settled in the minds of the religious people, and that many of the hymns popular with the multitude are by no means satisfactory to the more thoughtful and devout part of the Christian Church.

In November we began sending out letters on the Christian Amendment, following this work steadily until the middle of February, when Congress was in the rush preceding adjournment. Thirteen thousand letters with a statement of the character of the Constitution, the heading of the petition, a tract "Is Jesus King?" and a return card went to as many ministers and nineteen hundred and twenty-one cards came back, one hundred and ninety opposing, or being indifferent to the amendment, and seventeen hundred and thirty-one agreeing to see to it that petitions for the Amendment would be signed and sent into Congress.

In the winter "A Call to National Repentance" was prepared and since the middle of February we have been sending that out and with it the broadside on the Constitution. We are now in the third ten thousand of this "Call", which sets forth clearly the sin of the nation in rejecting Christ and the hope of pardon for the penitent. The Temperance Committee aided us by sending out three thousand copies of this "Call." In connection with this we have nearly finished sending out the second ten thousand of "The Collapse of Civilization." Both these tracts are highly commended by ministers outside our church and they help to clear the way for thorough-going national conversion. Eleven hundred and sixty-seven cards have been returned, one hundred and thirty-three unfavorable, most of them taking the ground that religion is a matter for individuals only, and one thousand and thirty-four favorable, each of these favorable answers, being a promise to preach a sermon on "Christ, King of Nations," or on "National Repentance," if additional literature was sent. Counting two sermons a Sabbath, this sermon would be equal to nearly a year's work for ten preachers.

New and revised editions, five thousand copies each, have been issued of the following tracts: "Ten Reasons Why I Would Not Join a Secret Society," "The Right Relation of Church and State," "The Attitude of Protest, The Attitude of Power" and "Close Communion." We have also printed twenty thousand slips containing a list of all our regular tracts, in which we offer to send a sample set to any one requesting it and put a price of one cent each on tracts when ordered in quantity.

All tracts sent out to present our testimony are enclosed in sealed envelopes, with a circular letter appealing for a careful reading, and candid consideration.

The Rev. W. J. McKnight gave twenty-eight lectures on our principles. A lecture of his on Psalmody, given in Allegheny, received high commendation for originality, force and persuasiveness. His Sabbath School has sent out two thousand appeals to ministers to circulate petitions for the Christian Amendment. The Rev. J. M. Coleman gave courses of lectures in twelve colleges and seminaries, practically half as many lectures as when his whole time was given to the work. These brethren do a double work for a good part of the year and take little or no vacation.

The Rev. Frank Allen has proposed that ministers of our church, living not too far apart, exchange pulpits for a day, arrange for lectures going and speak on the way back, this Committee to pay expenses, a proposal which we readily agreed to. Mr. Allen and Mr. Paul Coleman have tried this plan with marked success, and so have Revs. W. A. Aiken and G. M. Robb.

Our receipts for the year were $2,251.98, and our expenditures were $2,801.76, reducing our balance of last year from $1,087.21 to $534.43. It seems that the sending out of literature and lectures in Colleges, however efficiently carried on, do not appeal to the liberality of the church as does a personal presentation of the subject to our congregations. Now, when we are facing a great crisis, and the saving of the soul of America is in question, we are falling off instead of doubling our contributions. God has been patient with our rejection of His Son and has allowed our democracy to stand for more than a century; now through the judgment of war, He is calling on us with other nations to repent. It may be that the judgment of God will fall on the Covenanter Church, because of its undelivered message for the claims of Jesus Christ.

We request the Synod to increase the appropriation to this cause, at this time when its work is most needed and apparently most acceptable, to an amount equal to the total membership of our church in this country, making the appropriation an average of one dollar a member for the year. That will be an average of two cents a week for every Covenanter to be devoted to telling his testimony to this nation in this time of trial before the bar of God. Then we will take this proposition as our slogan, One Dollar a Member, and try to get the means to do our work. Your Committee is of the opinion, looking at the record of the past year, that a Covenanter can invest a dollar in no way that will go farther than by giving it to this cause. If we would put ten times two thousand dollars into making our principles known to the world and back them up with energy, our Church would begin to grow. We can-

not win on the defensive. It is the aggressive that wins and the work of this Committee is nothing if not aggressive. We aim directly at the conversion of this country to Christ. We ask for this; we argue for this. This is what Christ wants; it is what the country needs and the time is ripe. Sheridan sent word to Grant, "Things are in a shape to push." Grant sent word to Sheridan, "Push things." Give us the means to push with and we will do our best to do the work.

The time for which Oliver Wylie and W. J. Coleman were elected has expired and their successors are to be chosen by this Synod.

We recommend:

1. That J. M. Coleman be reappointed to lecture in Colleges and Seminaries on the same terms as heretofore.
2. That the Committee be authorized to employ W. J. McKnight and such additional lecturers as the funds in hands will permit.
3. That the circulation of literature urging national repentance and the Christian Amendment be our principal work for the coming year.
4. That the pastors, elders and members of our Church take advantage of the condition of the public mind caused by the war to engage in aggressive work, persuading our country to consider its responsibility to God and its need of Jesus Christ.
5. That the plan of pastors exchanging pulpits, when not too far apart, and of arranging for and giving lectures between congregations be endorsed and that the Committee be authorized to pay expenses and work of speakers.
6. That the Moderator and Clerk be instructed to forward to President Wilson at as early a date as possible, the petition of this Synod, that he appoint a day for national prayer and humiliation, recommending to the citizens of this country the duty of repentance of national sins and seeking the mercy of God according to His appointed way through Jesus Christ, and if no such day be appointed, that all our congregations be urged to observe the day agreed upon by many religious organizations, viz: The first Sabbath of July.
7. That an appropriation of eight thousand five hundred dollars, an amount equal to one dollar a member, be made to carry on this work during the coming year.

Signed,

W. J. COLEMAN, Chairman,
J. S. TIBBY,
ROBT. PARK
JOHN C. SLATER,
THOS. H. MARTIN,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT.
Committee.

The time was extended in order to act upon the report of the committee on Traveling Fund. The committee reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND

The Committee on Traveling Fund respectfully reports:

Balance from last year	$ 214.49
Quotas from Congregations	3,384.80
Expense of Delegates	4,752.96
Deficit	1,153.65
Delegates	137
Due from each member	8.45
Balance on hand	4.00

We recommend that this balance be given to the Kansas Presbytery to assist in paying the deficit of a worthy ministerial member.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. WYLIE,
Chairman of Committee.

The committee on Devotional Exercises was instructed to prepare an item for tomorrow morning. Synod took recess. Prayer by R. M. Young.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2 p. m.

Synod re-convened at 2 o'clock. J. S. Tibby offered prayer.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. C. J. Lewis, W. M. Moore, M. M. Pearce, W. J. McKnight were excused from attendance after this evening. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The special committee on the commemorating of the 400th anniversary of the publication of Luther's Theses reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

LUTHER'S THESES

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the door of Wittenburg Cathedral. The sound of his hammer has been echoing through the centuries to this day. It is fitting that the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church should memorialize the four hundredth anniversary of this epoch-making historic event.

Therefore be it resolved:—

1. That we recognize the hand of God in this event. It is a juxta-position of history that Luther blazed the way for the first Reformation in his "Theses" in Germany, in 1517; John Calvin, in his "Christian Institutes," in Geneva, Switzerland in 1545, gave the forms for the Reformation faith, and John Knox, in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1560, gave the pattern for the Christian Church and the Christian State; while America is the field where God will exhibit these principles embodied in our free civil and religious institutions before the world.

2. That Synod recognize the Church of Rome as still the hoary-headed foe of civil and religious liberty. Cardinal Newman declared: "Either the Church of Rome is the house of God or the house of Satan. There is no middle ground between them." We solemnly affirm that it is not the former. The true Church is the Bride of Christ; the church of Rome is "the mother of harlots." The Pope assumes the prerogatives of our glorious and blessed Lord, and that marks the hierarchy as "the man of sin and son of perdition, whom the Lord will consume with the brightness of His coming."

3. That our Churches be encouraged to observe this anniversary in a suitable and profitable way.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. FOSTER, Chairman.
JOHN COLEMAN,
W. C. McCLURKIN,
J. J. McELROY.
Committee.

The committee on the Signs of the Times reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

"WEIGHED, WANTING, NUMBERED"—this whether men may be willing or able to translate it so or not, is what the hand of the Lord God Omnipotent is writing on the crumbling walls of civilization today. Men and nations have forgotten God, but God has not forgotten their effrontery. Where does the trouble lie? In the assassination of an Archduke? To regard that incident as even so much as a drop in the bucket would be to overestimate it a thousand fold. Back of the incidents of history lies the frame of mind out of which they spring. Back of the frame of mind lies character. And character in its origin and essence is either diabolonian or divine. And nations, after all, in the ultimate analysis, are nothing more or less than human beings gathered into groups. Each of these human beings has a character, and their composite character is the character of the group. And the group will conduct itself according to its character. If, therefore, we wish to see light in the clearest light of God, we must get down to the very foundations of Man's inmost being. We must undertake to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart, for out of the heart are the issues of life. In point of principle the situation today is about the same as it was when David prayed, "Put them in fear, O Lord; that the nations may know themselves to be but men."

The condition of the world at the present hour is appalling. The fact itself is too patent to call for comment. The grave has opened its mouth for millions, but the grave is not full. Never before, since the world began, has sorrow entered so many homes in so short a time. In searching for reasons men point to the assassination already referred to, to the outrageously overbearing demands made by Austria upon Serbia, to Germany's tacit—if not explicit—approval of Austria's ultimatum, to Russia's mobilization, to Germany's invasion of Belgium, and to other similar incidents in the same chain of events. But all this is like counting the pieces of

driftwood on the bosom of a stream in order to ascertain why they are moving toward the cataract. These things appear on the surface. They indicate, but they do not account for, the current. We must go deeper than these.

The next interpreter to be met with is the psychologist. In his hands everything resolves itself into an attitude of mind. The nations now at war have in reality been in a state of belligerency for many years. Each has been watching every movement of all the others with jealous eye for half a century or more. They have all been equipped for war, to a greater or less extent, and ready to spring at a moment's notice. They have been training themselves to think evil of each other on the slightest pretext. Alliances, it is true, have now and then been effected, but only where mutual interest or mutual fear has been successful in crowding the hostile mood into the adjacent background for a specified purpose and a specified time. And so, with minds always eager to gain some coveted advantage and always on the alert to resent some petty injury, whether fancied or real, they have long been ready for a hazardous plunge into the vortex of war, and have actually felt in their hearts of hearts a thrill of relief, now that the current has borne them at length over the crest of the cataract. Psychologically the moment was ripe.

But while the psychologist has thus discovered the current and ascertained what the current has the power of doing, he has by no means solved the problem. The current carries the driftwood, but what makes the current? Is it not the fact, plus the angle, of descent? Why is it that men and nations are so keen, not to say frantic, to fly at each other's throats? Is it not because the vast majority of the men of whom the nations of the earth are composed have been saying in their hearts, "There is no God?" Even in Christendom men by the millions are living without Christ. What religion they have, if they may be said to have any of any sort, is false, and puts them at the disposal of the prince of this world. Therefore, they are living in malice and envy, and are hateful, hating one another. For the man who does not love God with all his heart, soul, strength and mind, never loves his neighbor as himself. "True Religion," to quote the words of John Smith the Platonist, "**is no piece of artifice**; it is no boiling up of our **Imaginative** powers nor the glowing heats of **Passion**; though these are too often mistaken for it, when in our jugglings in Religion we cast a mist before our own eyes. But it is **a new Nature** informing the souls of men; it is **a God like frame of Spirit**, discovering itself most of all **in Serene and Clear minds, in deep humility, Meekness, Self-denial, Universal Love of God and all true Goodness, without partiality and without Hypocrisie**; whereby we are taught to know God and knowing Him to **love Him**, and **conform** our selves as much as may be to all that Perfection which shines forth in Him." A lofty conception of religion, do you say? Accurate would be a better word. That is religion, and what is not that is not religion. And no nation has it. The conclusion is obvious—"Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god."

When we cast our eyes abroad and see what desolations Almighty God has brought upon the nations of Europe, we see what sin does when it is finished. When we scrutinize the life and char-

acter of our own nation we see that in point of principle we are as culpable as any other nation on the globe. Their cup is full, ours is filling fast. All nations with one accord have been saying, and are saying now, "Not this man, but Barabbas"—"We will not have this man to reign over us." And we of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America—what have we been doing? As compared to what we could have done to bring the nations to the feet of Christ, almost nothing at all! Yonder in China a new Republic has come into being. What have we done to bring before it the claims of Jesus Christ as Lord? Russia is ushering in a new regime. Why are we not standing at her gates even now

"To Speak About the King?"

Or what are we doing at our own doors? Authorizing a Committee to write letters to arrange for a parcel of lectures! The only wonder is that Almighty God spares us. Synod has need to appoint a fast. Why shall it not be such a fast as God has chosen—to loose the bands of wickedness that are binding the nations of the earth, and let the prisoners go free?

As for thanksgiving, just a word. We have cause for gratitude, though at such an hour it becomes us to "rejoice with trembling." God has given us the message which the nations need. We have proclaimed it—not as we ought to have, it is true, far from that—but we have proclaimed it in the face of every kind of obloquy and opposition which the heart of man could devise. The whole movement has been branded, times without number, as a hopeless dream. But at length God has made bare His mighty arm and has shown himself to be our helper and our friend. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Our cause is vindicated. Our reasoning is being reinforced by events which it would be hard to misinterpret. And men from every quarter, in magizines and other periodicals, and even in the daily press, are feeling after, if happily they may find the very truth which we have felt constrained, for more than thrice a hundred years, to proclaim to heavy ears in honor of our blessed Lord. The night is far spent. The day is at hand. And when the light breaks we shall be seen to have been more than conquorors. Is it not enough?

In view of these things and many others of similar import, Synod names Thursday, the twenty-ninth of November, as a day of thanksgiving; and the Thursday of the Week of Prayer as a day of humiliation and fasting.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT, Chairman,
J. M. COLEMAN.
Committee.

The report on Psalmody was taken up. A substitute was offered for Item No. 1. Items 2, 3, 4, 5, were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY

Since the last report to Synod on this subject, there is little new to submit. In the last two years, we have not been able to note any great change either for or against the Psalms.

In this respect our subject differs from some others. In the

sphere of temperance we see progress. The wave which has already swept foreign countries as a result of the war, is now sweeping our own land. The same might be said of personal evangelism. More people today are doing personal work than ever before. Yet, in the realm of Psalmody it is different. Many people are indifferent to this matter of praise. They are just as ready to sing hymns of human composition as those divinely inspired songs of Zion. While others are set against the Psalms. They speak of them as obscure, Jewish, and without Christ. Suffice it to say that they are neither obscure nor without Christ. Those who so speak of them only display their ignorance of them. And so far as being Jewish, that ought not to be held against them. As Dr. Willson has said, "What is Jewish in origin may be permanent in value, as for example the Decalogue." The greatest lawgiver, poet, prophet, missionary, the world has ever known, were all of Jewish blood. Matthew's account of Christ's Gospel opens with these words, "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."

Occasionally, we hear the cry, "Back to the days of Christ," or "Back to the simplicity of the early Church." Such people are burdened with the ever increasing church forms and to some extent we sympathize with them. But even those who raise this cry are unwilling to apply it to this matter of praise. With them insist on the exclusive use of the Psalms, and their stubbornness is very apparent. Tell them that Christ, His Apostles and the early Church sang only Psalms in worship, and that we ought to do the same, and you will discover in them still some of the Old Man to be crucified.

As a church, let no one think that we have been neglecting this part of our testimony. During the last two years our Witness Bearing Committee has sent out thousands of tracts on this subject. What good these have accomplished remains yet to be seen. As on the farm, so in spiritual things, there are set times for sowing.

As to Psalmody, may it not be that we are just now passing thru the sowing season? Let us be faithful sowers of this seed. Even tho we be few in number and weak in strength, yet God is able in due time to make "an handful of corn in the earth on the tops of the mountains, the fruit thereof to shake like the trees of Lebanon."

We regret that we are obliged in this report to note the adverse action of a sister denomination of Psalmody. The Church we now have in mind has stood from its infancy for the exclusive use of the Psalms. About three years ago, in interpreting the Article of its Testimony respecting public worship, such action was taken by its General Assembly as to allow "the singing of other inspired scriptures than those of the Psalms in the public worship of God." Since the above action was taken, this sister denomination has "found no place of repentance." although a minority has been "carefully seeking after it with tears." Such desertion of a plainly scriptural ground gives us the feeling of Elijah. It makes our position on Psalmody a little more distinctive and a little harder to maintain.

Notwithstanding this drift, however, we need not be discour-

aged. Generally speaking, our people are devoted to the Psalms. While here and there we detect a certain laxness, due, of course, to those 'round about, yet there is no disposition to exchange them for songs of human composition. Our people appreciate these good old songs of Zion and greatly enjoy hearing them explained. As a people we still believe:

"There's lots of music in the Psalms,
Those dear, sweet Psalms of old,
With visions bright of lands of light,
And shining streets of gold.
I hear them singing, singing still,
In memory soft and clear,
'Such pity as a father hath,
Unto His children dear."

Furthermore for our encouragement let us here speak of the attitude of President Wilson towards the Psalms. That he is kindly disposed toward them we need only to refer to what he said about them some years ago while addressing a large Sabbath School gathering. A chorus of finely trained voices had just sung the hymn "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," when Mr. Wison being introduced, arose and began to speak. He styled the song just sung as "silly, meaningless," and told that great audience that he favored more direct teaching from the Bible, and also the singing of the old Psalms.

In keeping with this attitude was his use of a certain Psalm during his recent inaugural. Before taking the oath of office, he pulled from his pocket his little Bible, slowly turned its leaves until he came to the forty-sixth Psalm, and then began to read, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, tho the earth be removed, and tho the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." He read on to the end, finishing with these highly significant words. "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

We are now living, brethren, in strange times. Without doubt, it is the most important epoch in the world's history. A world-wide war, unequalled for cruelty, deception and bloodshed, is now upon us. Ignoring the word of God, earth's great men are floundering about for a way out. They are peering about as if from some earthly quarter there will arise a plan by which international peace shall be established and such inhuman wars made impossible. But in these blessed songs of Zion have we not the very thing for which these very men are yearning? Already, as we have noted, these Psalms have furnished our president a staff upon which to lean in his hour of need. Who knows but they shall yet be the means of directing him in leading the entire world to the proper establishment of a world-wide peace thru the recognition of Christ as King. Let us both work and pray that in the good providence of God our President's eye may be turned in the direction of the second Psalm which so vividly describes this present war and our only hope of national salvation. "Be wise now therefore, O ye Kings, be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and re-

joice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."

In closing we submit the following recommendations:—

1. We would remind our people of the divinely appointed songs for the worship of God, and we urge them to loyalty in this service in all situations in which they may be placed.

2. Since as a Church we are about of one mind as to which version of the psalter is to be used, we make a special effort to have our children commit to memory the Psalms.

3. That we heartily co-operate with our Witness Bearing Committee in the wider circulation of tracts on this subject.

4. Since the explanation of the Psalm is essential to the continued use of Psalms in worship, that we as ministers faithfully maintain this part of our service, that we be more diligent in our preparation for it, and that we constantly strive to show our people how full these songs are of Christ.

5. That a telegram signed by the Moderator and Clerk of this Court be sent to President Wilson, as follows: "We noted with pleasure your use of the forty-sixth Psalm in connection with your recent inaugural. We now beg leave to direct your attention to the Second Psalm as a striking description of this present war and as containing the only basis for a permanent world-wide peace thru the recognition of Christ as King."

Respectfully submitted,
S. J. JOHNSTON, Chairman,
M. S. McMILLAN,
W. C. COLEMAN,
N. PATTON,
J. M. BROWN.
Committee.

The report of the committee on Discipline was made the order of the day at four o'clock this afternoon.

Synod took action as follows:

BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

Resolved, That this Synod appoint J. S. Tibby to organize and carry on a bureau of information for locating within the bounds of our Congregations and Mission Stations unemployed members of the Covenanter Church. That each Presbytery be instructed to appoint an agent to take charge of the work within its bounds and to instruct each Congregation and Mission Station under its care to appoint an agent to have charge within the Congregation to correspond with the Presbyterial agent.

That this be carried on thru the columns of the Christian Nation and by the use of such other literature as the Chairman appointed by Synod may direct and that the expense of the department be taken from the literary fund.

The Secretary of Young People's Work reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. The items were all adopted and the item of finance was re-

ferred to the committee on Finance. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK

Your Young Peoples' Secretary would respectfully report: The goodness of God has been apparent in our Young Peoples' work during the past year.

As Secretary of Young Peoples' work, we feel we are as yet only beginning to become acquainted with the work. Our young people must be depended upon as our future workers. To direct the hope of the Church along the best lines of activity; to organize them into a better working force and to unify and centralize their interests within the Church and mobilize them into a pliable, dependable army upon every one of whom the Church can lay her fingers and to whom she can successfully call for workers at any time. This is our task. But it is not the task of a single day nor year; nor of a single individual. But one which demands the united effort of our Ministry and Eldership together with Parents and all other christian workers and forces within the Church.

As leader of this work by appointment of Synod, we have attempted this year to become acquainted with our young people in a general way; learning a little of their activities in local societies and their attitude towards the Church and the various departments of her work.

A Young Peoples' Department has been established in the Christian Nation; the Presidents of nearly all Presbyterials have been consulted by correspondence with regard to conventions this summer. During the past year we visited and addressed one Convention and have plans partly completed to visit others this summer. We have plans partly completed for organizing one new Convention the coming fall. A questionaire mailed to each society for the purpose of gathering statistics along various lines, all of which have not been returned, and therefore, it is not possible to give a complete statistical report along any line. From those received I will submit the following: Forty-seven societies reported as operating in fairly good working order. Two of these were organized during the past year. Two societies reported that they had temporarily disbanded and were meeting with the older members of the Church in Bible study. Others reported that the peculiar conditions of roads, weather, etc., prevented the forming of Young Peoples' organizations.

The forty-seven societies reporting give a total membership of 1, 347,making an average membership of nearly 30. Of these only 23 societies have wall copies of our pledge, and only 111 members can repeat the Pledge. Special Study Classes have been conducted in about half of these societies, studying the books of the Bible, Covenanter History, Romanism, the Beatitudes, the Apostles Creed, the Ten Commandments, our Testimony, Missions, Teachers' Training, War and Peace and Personal Work.

Special work has been done along a number of lines, as Tract Distribution, Open Air Services, Services at Aged Peoples' Homes, Hospitals and in homes of "shut ins." In a number of instances they have undertaken special evangelistical work, City Mission work, the National Reform Association, carrying and securing sign-

ers to the Christian Amendment Petition, and others have undertaken the support of the work in the Home or Foreign Mission Fields, others have worked along temperance lines and some have distributed Bible Reading Folders. Besides these, have been other worthy and varied activities. One worthy effort I will mention; a successful effort to close movies on the Sabbath day. One hundred fifty-nine members have been received into these forty-seven societies during the past year, and 72 have been received from the associate membership of these societies into the Church. Eighty per cent report effort to lead into the fellowship of their society, young people outside our Church. Our Mission work at home and abroad has been especially remembered by nearly all these societies during the past year. They have 237 Young People in High Schools, 109 in Colleges and Universities outside Geneva College, of whom 77 are boarding away from home, and only 29 in Geneva. (It is the desire of this Committee to cooperate with Pastors and College authorities in turning more of our young people to Geneva College.) Seventy-two per cent of these societies have in some definite way attempted to advance the "Distinctive position" of our Church.

Some of our Presbyteries have as yet no Young Peoples' Conventions organized and your Committee desires the earnest co-operation of all pastors and elders in organizing these where it is possible. The Presbyteries already organized are reported unanimously as a spiritual uplift to our young people who attend.

It appears to us that in these Presbyteries, there is being provided for the Church's work a large per cent of workers. A number have testified that these Conventions have been the means of turning them from careers which they were somewhat selfishly entering to some special work, in which they feel assured the Lord wants them. For these and other reasons we believe there should be a Young Peoples' Convention in every Presbytery.

It is with much satisfaction that we note the hearty support given Presbyterials, by the Ministers of the Church. Only in one Presbytery is there complaint that Ministers are not sustaining, as our young people think, a proper attitude; there it was complained that they take so much interest that they crowd out our young people too much from the program, for the good of the young people. Care should be taken not to make these ministers' conventions.

We believe our young people should cultivate social fellowship together as well as reigious and that most sessions need, tactfully to lead them to centralize in their social life. In too many of our Congregations our young people are developing their social nature with outside young people often to their spiritual harm, and sometimes to the loss of the Church. Every Session should recognize that the young people under its spiritual oversight have been endowed with social natures, and that they are social beings, and that if they do not enjoy the companionship of each other socially they will seek this outside. As we are responsible to God as "Overseers of the flock," we must not neglect this side of our Young Peoples' life to the hurt of their religious convictions and their spiritual loss. This should, therefore, have some of our time and attention. We are living in a generation with a tendency to drift. We believe often the beginning of a religious drift is the social drift

Our great concern should be with the searching question, "What is becoming of the flock I have given thee, that beautiful flock." We are sustaining a leak and part of it is among our Young People, as we believe because of neglect of the social side of their lives.

Now this should be cultivated in such a way as to tie them more tightly to the Covenanter Church and the great Bible truths for which she stands.

Again, the importance of this department can be readily seen when we reflect that from among our Young People must come our future workers. When we reflect upon the result of misguided energies and misused powers and talents not used at all, because not properly encouraged, it should make us tremble before God. The future possibilities of the work of the Church depends upon the way we unify, mobilize and utilize our young men and women. We must do our part or the Church we love must suffer.

It is necessary then that pastors be leaders of the Young People. Let us strive to so lead them and mobilize them into a vital spiritual force that the Church may be able to lay her hand on a consecrated Christian worker whenever she needs one for any department.

To this end we earnestly hope that for the sake of the future of the Church and her work, Young People's Societies be organized where there are none and that in Presbyteries where Young People's Presbyterials have not been organized that Presbyteries encourage and aid in organizing them. And we believe that, occasionally representatives of the Presbyterials should be gotten together for conference and discussion of the great truths to which we as a Church adhere. We recognize the latter will cost some money, but we believe our return will be in saving young men and women to the Church.

To carry out this work, there must be hearty co-operation on the part of the Pastors and Elders and an opportunity for your Committee to do its work. We must have a name for our Young People's organization unanimously adopted by this body; a Pledge such as will bind us to the Covenanter Church, and at the same time be expressed most intelligibly; a laying aside of objection and prejudices, if such there be, with our personal and congregational equations, so that we may conserve our greatest resource—our young people.

The Church will need to provide a little more liberally for this Department of its work. Every Society and Presbyterial should have definite work provided by the various departments of the Church's work as Temperance, Reform, Missions and Witness Bearing.

All of this must be done with love for all Christians, but at the same time our young people should be led in a fight all along the line which will "push the battle to the gates."

We therefore recommend the following:—

1. That the name of our Young Peoples' organization be Covenanter Young Peoples' Union.

2. That the portion of the Covenant of 1871, used by some of our Societies as a pledge, be adopted with verbal modifications so as to read—Aiming to live for the glory of God as our chief end,

we will in reliance upon God's grace, and feeling our inability to perform any spiritual duty in our own strength, diligently attend to searching the Scriptures, religious conversation, private secret prayer, family worship, the prayer meeting and the Sanctuary; and will seek in them to worship God in spirit and in truth.

We solemnly do promise to depart from all iniquity, and to live soberly, righteously and Godly in this world, commending and encouraging by our example Temperance, Love and Godliness.

3. That your Committee be authorized to have printed a sufficient number of wall copies of the Pledge to supply Societies desiring them.

4. That each department of Church work provide some work along its particular line for the young people and work earnestly to seek to enlist every Society's service.

5. That Presbyteries, where there are no Young Peoples' Presbyterials, labor earnestly to form such organizations in co-operation with this Department.

6. That the Young Peoples' Secretary be authorized to draw on the Literary Fund during the year for its work, a sum not to exceed $75.00.

Signed,

J. D. EDGAR,
Young Peoples' Secretary.

The Stated Clerk made his annual report which was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

Statistics May 1, 1916, to May 1, 1917

There are reported eleven Presbyteries; 112 Congregations; 5 Mission Stations; 132 Ministers; 10 Licentiates; 8 Theological Students; four of whom were licensed; 417 Elders; 363 Deacons, 8,732 Communicants; an increase of 520 and a decrease of 576; 206 Baptisms; 10,046 enrolled in the Sabbath Schools and 1970 in the Young Peoples' Societies; total contributions $244,469, or $29.77 per member being $2.23 more per member than last year. The Covenanter Church contributed $18,823.52 to China and $23,614.08 to Syrian Missions, a total of $42,437.60 to the Foreign Mission work, or $5.17 for each member, an increase of sixty-one cents per member over last year.

Congregations—Seventy-six have pastors, thirty-six are without pastors.

Ministers—There are 132 Ministers. There was one ordination and installation, and three installations; six dissolutions of the pastoral relation. One pastor has a double charge; nine are stated supply. D. Bruce Martin was ordained and installed pastor of Utica, Ohio, Congregation, May 10th, 1917. R. C. Reed installed over Central Allegheny Congregation, Sept. 28, 1916, E A. Crooks installed over New Castle, Pa. Congregation, Nov. 1, 1916; J. C. French installed over Regina, Canada, Congregation Aug. 4, 1916; W. C. Allen installed over Rehoboth, Iowa, Congregation Feb. 6, 1917.

The pastoral relation between W. C. Allen and Lake Reno Con-

gregation was dissolved Jan. 9, 1917; R. H. Martin and College Hill, Pa. Congregation June 12, 1916; R. J. G. McKnight and Wilkinsburg, Pa. Congregation Oct. 24, 1916; E. A. Crooks and La Junta, Colo. Congregation Sept. 5, 1916; A. M. Thompson and Utica, Ohio Congregation Sept. 13, 1916; and D. O. Jack and Ray, Ind. Congregation Feb. 26, 1917.

Of the Ministers without charges, nine are stated supply, eleven in the Foreign Mission work, three in Reform work, five at Geneva College, two at Theological Seminary, eight in secular callings; four in School work; thirteen are unable to engage actively in the Ministry and one is in the war zone.

Communicants—The total number is 8,732, of these 8210 are in the home Church, 522 in the foreign field; 193 were received in the Home Church by profession and 194 by certificate; 127 fell asleep and 400 were dismissed, a net decrease of 140. China Mission reports 464 members, an increase of 112, and a decrease of 48, or a net gain of 64. Cyprus reports 58, an increase of 21 and a decrease of one, or a net gain of 20. No report from Levant. Comparing the total membership with last year's report shows a decrease of 189 members. Colorado Presbytery reports a net decrease of 6; Illinois of 18; New York of 15; Ohio of 61; Pacific Coast of 7; Philadelphia of 3; Pittsburgh of 34; Rochester of 3; Iowa an increase of 4, and Kansas an increase of 3. Twenty-nine Congregations had no accessions; Second New York Congregation has the largest membership, viz: 241, and contributed the largest amount. Forty-seven Congregations contributed to all the schemes of the Church. The number of Tithers is 2463, an increase of 179. Four Ministers passed away: D. C. Martin at Pittsburgh on Dec. 26, 1916; J. M. Armour at Seattle, Wash., March 20, 1917; J. R. Thompson at Newburg, N. Y., March 27, 1917; J. G. K. Farris at Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 17, 1916.

Contributions—Eight schemes show an increase of contributions, viz. China Mission $3,740; Domestic, $761; Southern, $157; Geneva College, $442; Church Erection, $1,003; National Reform, $1,456; Witness Bearing, $258; and Aged Ministers and Widows and Children, $206. Six Schemes report a decrease, viz: Syrian Mission, $138; Indian Mission, $103; Jewish Mission, $3.00; Theological Seminary, $9.00; Aged Peoples' Home, $838; Temperance, $120.

Salaries paid to Ministers show a decrease of $2,877.00. Certified Copies of 1915 Minutes of Synod were deposited in Safety Box.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES S. TIBBY,
Stated Clerk.

The committee on Supplies reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES

The Committee on Supplies would respectfully report that the names of twenty-seven men were reported to us; twenty-two for full time and five for part time. Nine Presbyteries requested the

time of fifteen labourers. The following schedule has been arranged for the year:

1. T. J. Allen—Pittsburgh all year.
2. R. C. Allen—Pittsburg all year.
3. J. W. Dill—Kansas all year.
4. Charles Carson—Illinois, June-Sept.; Ohio, May.
5. Isaiah Faris—Kansas all year.
6. W. S. Fulton—Ohio all year.
7. J. K. Gault—Colorado, June-Sept.; Kansas, May.
8. Robert Graham—Ohio, July-Aug.; Illinois, Sept.-Oct.; Kansas, Nov.-Dec.; Colorado, Jan.-March; Iowa, April-May.
9. J. B. Gilmore—Pittsburgh, June-Sept.; New York, Oct.-Dec.; Ohio, Jan.-March; Kansas, April-May.
10. W. P. Johnston—Pittsburgh all year.
11. D. O. Jack—Ohio, June-Aug.; New York, Sept.-Nov.; Illinois, Dec.; Iowa, Jan. to March; Colorado, April-May.
12. H. G. McConaughy—Kansas, June; Illinois, July; Pacific Coast, Aug.-May.
13. A. J. McFarland—Pittsburg all year.
14. William McFarland—Rochester, June-Oct.; Ohio, Nov.-Dec.; Illinois, Jan.-March; Iowa, April-May.
15. W. C. McClurkin—Iowa, June-Aug.; Colorado, Sept.-Nov.; Kansas, Dec.-Feb.; Illinois, March-May.
16. R. S. McElhinney—Kansas, June; Colorado, July-Sept.; Kansas, Oct.-Dec.; Illinois, Jan.-Feb.; Ohio, March-May.
17. R. J. McIsaacs—N. B. & N. S., June-Nov.; New York, Dec.-March; Pittsburgh, April-May.
18. T. A. McElwin—Pittsburgh, June-Dec.; Ohio, Jan.-May;
19. Thos. Patton—Iowa, June-Sept.; Kansas, Oct.-Nov.; Colorado, Dec.-March; Kansas, April; Illinois, May.
21. C. Brooks Reed—New York, June-Sept., May.
22. B. M. Sharp—Pittsburgh all year.
23. T. C. Sproull—Pittsburg all year.
27. J. B. Willson—Pittsburg, June-Dec.; Ohio, Jan.-Feb.; Kansas, March-April; Pittsburg, May.
26. Boyd White—Pittsburg, June-Sept.; New York, May.
24. A. M. Thompson—Kansas all year.
20. Wylie Redpath—Pittsburg, July-Sept.; Kansas, May.
25. O. F. Thompson—Illinois, Aug.; Iowa, Sept.-Dec.; Kansas, Jan.-March; Colorado, April-May.

Respectfully submitted,
S. E. GREER, Chairman,
F. F. READE,
D. C. MATHEWS,
J. P. BAIRD,
S. O. CARSON.
Committee.

The committee on Supplies was made the Ad Interim Committee on Supplies.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was taken from the table. The order of the day having arrived the report was laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Discipline was taken up. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was amended. The hour for recess arrived. The committee on Nominations made a partial report which was adopted. The moderator named the following

STANDING COMMITTEES

Signs of the Times: J. H. Pritchard, I. A. Blackwood, J. M. Foster, Wm. Park, D. P. White.

Sabbath Schools: J. B. Gilmore, H. B. McMillan, S. Edgar, T. H. Martin, C. N. Pullinger.

Secret Societies: S. F. Kingston, F. F. Reade, Isaiah Faris, W. M. Moore, Clark Pollock.

Order of Business: M. M. Pearce, J. C. French, T. C. McKnight, W. J. Smith, J. H. Walkinshaw.

Devotional Exercises: A. I. Robb, R. A. Blair, E. A. Crooks, Thos. McKelvey, J. M. Milligan.

Recess till 7:30. Prayer by Geo. McBurney.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Same Place, 7:30 p. m.

Synod was called to order and W. J. Elliot led in prayer. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. J. R. Magee was excused from further attendance after the present session. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The report of the committee on Discipline was taken from the table. The report was re-committed and made the order of the day after devotional exercises tomorrow morning.

The reports of the committee on the examination of Presbyterial Records were read. The results of the examinations were adopted and recorded by the clerks in their respective books of record.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was taken up. Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee would report that four papers were referred to us. (1). The Minutes of the China Commission. (2). The request of the Mission in China for counsel as to the ordination of native workers. (3). The report of the Board of Foreign Missions. (4). A resolution calling for a report on sanitary and residential conditions in the China Mission field.

We find the Minutes of the China Commission correct, and ready to be embodied in the Minutes of the Court.

The request for counsel as to the ordination of native workers was referred to us for information only.

On the whole we find the reports from our foreign mission fields are encouraging. True, it is, that the lack of information from the fields of Syria and Asia Minor is cause for some concern on the part of the Church for the welfare of those workers still upon the field. The removing of the native workers brings some regret that the work should be thus doubly hampered. And since the war cloud has recently overshadowed our home land, we have a renewed apprehension as to their safety and the continuance of the work. It should be the subject of increasing prayer on the part of the whole Church that all dangers and difficulties be removed.

Among encouraging things we note the increase in the membership in the Church in China, the successful work done in Schools, medical and evangelistical departments; the development in ability and efficiency of the native teachers; the increased liberality of the native churches. The request for the ordination of native workers presents a most hopeful outlook for the work in China.

We are truly grateful to the Lord for His safe keeping of the workers in Syria and Asia Minor; for the new opportunities opened to the workers in Cyprus and China; for the new workers who are ready to go out to these fields, and also for the number of young converts in China who give evidence of preparation for the Christian Ministry, and give promise of becoming faithful ministers of the Word, and also the remarkable developments of the work in this field which seem to call for immediate service as ordained ministers of the Gospel.

Our sympathy is with those workers who are detained at home when they would be in the field at work, and also with Dr. Robb, who has been forced to leave his work because of severe sickness, and we earnestly pray with them and for them, that if it be the Lord's will they all may soon return to their chosen fields.

We believe the action of the Board in sending R. A. Blair as a special messenger to the Churches is a good one, and also are assured it will be a great benefit and result in a great forward movement in all the work of the Churches. We also record our appreciation of the generosity of that member of the Board who has made this possible.

However, the need still remains and the call for workers is as urgent as ever and we would again suggest to parents the consideration of the opportunity afforded here to dedicate their children to the Lord's service and also to young people to invest their lives to the greatest profit in Christ's Kingdom.

We make the following recommendations:—

1. That the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions be heard now, and that in this connection A. I. Robb be heard as representing the work in China, and that all other workers at home on furlongh or newly appointed, who are present, be presented to the Synod.

2. That the resolution calling for a report on sanitary and residental conditions in the Chinese Mission fields be adopted, with this amendment—"The Medical staff of the Mission" instead

of "Dr. J. M. Wright," making the resolution then read: "Owing to the great loss which the Church has suffered in the frequent laying aside of missionaries in the Tak Hing field, Synod requests the Medical Staff of the Mission to prepare a report on the sanitary and residential conditions in that field as to the possibility of overcoming or eliminating the malarial tendencies which there prevail; that the report be published for the information of the Church as soon as prepared and also submitted at the next meeting of Synod."

3. That we commend the books recommended by the Board to our Mission Study Classes for use during the coming year. The books named are: "The Lure of Africa," and "On African Trail" for adults: "The Moffats," for young people, and "African Adventures," for Juniors.

4. That we lay over our action on the assignment of a Missionary to Canton, until next Synod, and that we do not approve of the appointment of any member of the Mission to the Board of Directors with a view to representing this Church in any organic relation.

5. Although Dr. Wright will continue in the work of the Union Hospital until next year, that missionary boards, missionaries and the membership of the Church generally may understand the position of the Church in the matter referred to in the resolution laid over until next year, this Synod declares that it is not the practice or purpose of this Church to enter upon a policy of union missionary work.

6. That we commend the earnestness, devotion and sacrifice of our workers in various fields, and urge the church to unceasing prayer in behalf of all present workers and their fields, also that the new workers needed and called for may soon be sent forth by the Lord of the harvest.

7. That inasmuch as R. C. Adams and J. C. Mitchell, licentiates are under appointment to the mission in China, the Kansas Presbytery be authorized to ordain these men to the Gospel ministry previous to their departure to the foreign field.

8. That R. M. Sommerville, A. A. Samson, M. M. Pearce, J. W. F. Carlisle, R. A. Blair and Henry O'Neill, whose terms on the Board have expired, be chosen their own successors.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. WYLIE, Chairman,
J. B. TWEED,
J. R. MAGEE,
J. E. HUHEEY,
T. M. SLATER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The Lord reigneth: let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne. His lightnings enlightened the world; the earth saw and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth." Amid falling thrones and uprising kingdoms, "The heavens declare his righteousness, and

all the people see his glory." Above the roar of battle and the tumult of the peoples there sounds throughout the wide world the voice of doom; "Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols." Equally clear is the exhortation to men of state; "Worship him, all ye gods." While now there is "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor"—please God—"ever shall be", nevertheless when the birth pangs of God's new day are forgotten, the voice of sacred songs—sweeter and clearer—shall still proclaim: "Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth; thou are exalted above all gods." The day of his power may be yet in the dim distant future, but doubtless the voices now crying in the wilderness shall yet be heard in heaven saying, "the Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

SYRIA AND ASIA MINOR.

We must come to the Synod again with nothing but the most general report of the work in Syria and Asia Minor. Our missionaries are still in the field as they were a year ago, although we have asked the Department of State at Washington to bring them out to some Mediterranean port. This we have done as a precautionary measure and not that we have had any direct intimation that they were in any immediate danger. Having again recently urged the government to act on this suggestion we may be apprised at any time that the missionaries have left their posts until the issues of the War become known.

In this connection we must record the death of one of our faithful missionaries to Syria. After a brief illness, Mrs. J. M. Balph was called, April 2, 1917, to her eternal reward. Waiting patiently in America until the Master would permit her to return to Syria, she was working among the Syrian immigrants of Pittsburg. The Lord came for her and she has entered the higher service, and the joy unspeakable and full of glory.

While we have received no formal reports from these fields, we have throughout the year received and reported to the church through the prints assurances of the safety of the workers and no serious interference with their service. While regular work has been in part set aside, the necessities of the situation arising out of the War have brought new obligations of the most taxing kind. Some of the schools have been in operation without any interference whatever. As might be expected, many of the native workers were taken away. Miss Edgar, Miss Sterrett and Mr. Carithers have carried forward their work regularly. Dr. Peoples has had more than he could possibly do, and the ministers have had every opportunity to preach without hindrance. In short, our American workers have been afforded enough opportunities in the line of their regular duties to keep them more than busy, and to these was added the almost unlimited work of relief.

To meet the needs of the suffering people in Syria and Asia Minor the church has contributed liberally throughout the year and it has been possible to transmit these funds to the field. Field ex-

penses continue high owing to the universal advance in prices and we may find it necessary, for the same reason to advance salaries of all the missionaries until the return of normal conditions.

While the mails have been seriously interfered with and rigidly censored, we know the strain under which the missionaries have labored has been endurable only by the grace of God. May the Lord Jesus keep them and sustain them until the end.

CYPRUS.

The Rev. Walter McCarroll continued in the ministerial and educational work. He was all year without the comfort and help of his family, as Mrs. McCarroll is still in this land with two of the children, while the other two are in Switzerland. Although his furlough is due this year, it is as yet uncertain whether he will assume the risk of travel to come home. He may choose to remain another year in Cyprus.

Preaching has been conducted in Larnaca, Nicosia and Kyrenia, and in the Greek, Turkish, Arabic and English languages. That in Arabic was for the refugees and was attended regularly by 50 or more persons. The English service was conducted to accommodate the soldiers, a detachment of the Royal Scots who were sent to the Island. Among them were some Scotch Presbyterians who were glad of an opportunity to attend a church of their own kind. Fifty or more attended each English service. "In addition we opened a kind of Y. M. C. A. hut", says Mr. McCarroll, "for the benefit of the soldiers'.' A building on the mission premises was fitted up at small expense. In this were reading, writing and rest room. Tea and cakes were sold at nominal prices. "It has been a boon greatly appreciated by a goodly number. A praise service each Sabbath evening in the hut itself has been of help to some."

The Lord's Supper was observed twice in Nicosia and once in Larnaca. Twenty-one were added to the roll, which with a decrease of one, leaves the net gain in Cyprus 20. The membership is now 58. **Licentiate Dimitriades** still gives his entire time to the preaching and evangelistic work.

Three schools were again conducted this year—the boys' Academy, the girls' school and the primary Armenian school. The total enrollment for the year was 217. In the Academy there was a total enrollment of 165, of whom 139 were in actual attendance when the report was made, "an increase of nearly 133 per cent in seven years." About one third of this increase is from the refugees. so that with the return of normal times there may be a considerable decrease. "Yet in spite of this the figures indicate steady progress. In point of numbers we have as many as we can comfortably handle with our present accommodations." Mr. Charles A. Stewart and Mr. W. Wilbur Weir were the teachers assisting Mr. McCarroll. At the close of his three years term Mr. Dwight H. Connor returned to America to complete his education. Mr. Weir, a graduate of Geneva and a member of the Winchester congregation, was secured to go out for a term of three years. He reached Cyprus soon after the school opened in September, and has proved a worthy successor to Mr. Connor.

"From a spiritual view-point the work among the boys has been more satisfactory than at any previous time. Messrs Stewart

and Weir hold a Sabbath evening meeting.....which has deepened the interest of the boys in spiritual things. The chapel exercises and daily Bible classes have been continued as usual."

The girls' school, started in a humble way last year, was this year well organized and under its own teachers, and is now running on its own schedule with regular classes. The enrollment was 38, with 34 in regular attendance. **The school for small Armenian children** still serves a real need. There was an attendance of 14.

Summing up Mr. McCarroll says: "On the whole it was the most satisfactory year that we have yet had, and in spite of manifold discouragements we can see progress being made; and we also in due time shall reap, if we faint not."

Dr. Calvin McCarroll reports a good year in the medical work. Centering in Nicosia its influence reaches out into a wide area. The health of the missionaries has been good, and it is ever a comfort to them and the church at home to have a thoroughly qualified physician on the field. Dr. McCarroll is by no means wholly engrossed with the practice of his profession. He speaks of the profitable and enjoyable communion seasons at Nicosia; and remarks that, "Nearly all the young people of the church are busy learning Psalms and passages of Scripture. This was brought about by my brother offering a Bible as a prize to each one who would learn certain specified passages."

Clinics were held regularly twice a week, "preceded by the preaching of the Word and distribution of tracts. On these occasions the behaviour and attention of the people has been quite satisfactory." The number of office treatments this year was 7,800; the out-visits, 636; visits to villages, 26, involving 820 miles of travel; and the total number of treatments, 8,462. Thus, "a large number of people have come into contact with the Gospel and at least have heard the 'joyful sound' ".

Says Dr. McCarroll, "We have been a little more encouraged with the results of the year's work but we are still far from being satisfied. We are too prone to forget that results can not always be observed with the human eye, and that we must do the sowing although we may not reap."

CHINA.

When we come to the China field we can again report most encouraging progress. And missionaries say the fields are white unto the harvest as never before.

Early last Autumn God graciously carried back to their labors Dr. Katherine W. McBurney, Rev. E. C. Mitchell and wife, Rev. W. M. Robb and family, and Miss Jennie M. Dean. They were accompanied by Miss Nelle A. Brownlee who went out for the first time. Rev. J. K. Robb, leaving his wife and family in America, followed a little later. After a year of unusually heavy work the senior missionary, Dr. A. I. Robb, was overtaken with pneumonia which was followed by a prostrating attack of the dread malaria. This compelled his return to America for treatment in a more congenial climate. His heart is still in China, and he hopes by the blessing of

God to return again in due time to the work which claims the devotion of his life.

Within the year there have been 110 adult and 7 infant baptisms. In Ma Hui, where no members were reported last year, there are now 37. In the China field, after allowing for a decrease of 48 for all causes, there is still a net gain of 64 members. The total enrollment of our church in China is now 464 members. The mission has conducted 8 Sabbath Schools, 11 Primary schools, 4 of the Grammar grade, 1 Woman's school, 1 Theological class, and 1 Hospital Training class. In all these schools there is a total enrollment of 413. In the Theological class 12 young men are preparing to preach the gospel to their own countrymen. Five medical students finished their course, and received certificates. The doctors gave 8,520 hospital treatments, 4,689 dispensary treatments. In the year's itinerating among the 2,000,000 people in the field 493 villages were visited, 1350 patients were treated by the physicians and 21,700 persons heard the message of salvation. In all these districts the word of God is sold and thus the seed is sown, and left to germinate, grow and bring forth fruit.

To facilitate the administrative work in the field in China, it was decided to organize separate station organizations at Lo Ting and Tak Hing, each of these two stations having the power to manage the details of their respective districts in accordance with the general policy of the mission. By action of the mission and the Board the acts of each station shall be subject to the approval of the mission, the minutes of each station being read at the annual meeting of the mission.

Our Report this year will outline the work of the two districts under the names of the several missionaries.

TAK HING DISTRICT.

Rev. Dr. A. I. Robb, besides conducting the Theological Training Class, had charge of the Tak Hing congregation, the chapel in Tak Hing, and the chapels and schools in Lin Taan and Tung On. He was also moderator of the Lo Ting session from the departure of Mr. Taggart until the return of Mr. Mitchell, a period of about six months.

"During the school year there was preaching in the city chapel on Tuesday nights and Sabbath afternoons, conducted by the students. Usually two spoke at each service, and their improvement in speaking has been in most cases quite marked. The audiences have ranged from 6 to 100, with a probable average of 35 to 40.

"About half the students have also preached to the church congregation on Sabbath, at least once during the year and in general, with acceptance to all. They have thus preached considerably over 100 sermons during the school year.

"During the summer vacation they were sent out in two parties under the direction of a licentiate who accompanied them. One party was very seriously hindered by the disturbed state of the Tung On district, to which they went; the other party which worked in the eastern part of the Tak Hing district reported excellent opportunities and friendly people." The number of meet-

ings held during July, August and September was 322 with an average attendance of 43, or a total attendance of 13,846.. Of these 429 are recorded as "pleased" with the gospel.

Owing to illness overtaking Dr. Robb it became necessary to close the Training School temporarily. But it is expected that in addition to their other work the Revs' J. K. and W. M. Robb will be able to re-open it in the Fall.

At Tak Hing the year has been one of progress. Three communions were held and the total increase in membership was 45. Although many live at a distance the attendance has increased. In studying the statistical report it should be noticed that a number of names have not been counted of persons who are not attending church, but are by no means regarded as backsliders by the native brethren. Part of the preaching was done by the licentiates and students and part by Dr. Robb. In his opinion the congregation should call and support its own native preacher, but they have not yet reached that point of view. "The fall communion", says Dr. Robb, "was notable as being quite the largest in the history of the congregation, and all the preaching during eight days was done by native preachers." "The congregational finances were placed entirely in the hands of the native converts at the fall communion, and they are moving perceptibly, if somewhat slowly, in the direction of financial independence."

The work at Tung On and Lin Tan was directed by Dr. Robb. A native licentiate was in charge at each station. There was much to encourage at each station, although the success at Lin Tan was not as great as was hoped. Prospects for next year are brighter. The communion was not dispensed here but at Tung On two were held. Tung On is the place where, two years ago, the native evangelist was charged with treason and executed. This unfortunate occurrence scattered the Christians, brought stigma on all who attended the chapel and brought the work to a temporary close. On the death of Yuan Shik Kai and the re-establishment of the Republic this stigma was removed from the name of the dead evangelist and he was put on the roll of honor. People no longer stay away from the chapel. He who was executed as a traitor is now enrolled as a hero. "There has been excellent attendance at the chapel on market days throughout the year. Many are interested and come to discuss the doctrine." While there were no accessions during the year there are twenty-three Christians here and the outlook seems "decidedly better than a year ago," and "the abundant sowing will bring its harvest in due time."

In the school at Tung On 30 pupils were enrolled for a school year of 271 days with an average attendance of 22. There are two native teachers. Seven of the pupils say they believe in Christ, although they are held back from confession by youth or opposition of parents.

In Lin Tan there are but 10 pupils. The natives are studying ways and means to secure a better showing in another year. Here, as in all schools, there are the daily exercises of worship and one hour of Bible study.

The month of September was spent by Dr. Robb in the Lo Ting district, where he conducted communions at Che Tsai, Lo King and Lo Ting. In addition to all his educational and administrative

work he conducted seven communions and preached 55 times in church chapels duirng the year.

The Rev. Julius A. Kempf's work is primarily educational, but he also had no little share in the evangelistic. And he has also served another year as the mission treasurer. He had charge of the evangelistic and school work at Do Sing, and the district north of Tak Hing where in six separate stations there are four chapels and four day schools. In this work he had the assistance of, and responsibility for. two native teachers. Other native workers controlled by other members of the mission co-operated part of the time.

The Boys' School at Tak Hing enrolled 71 pupils the past year, with an average attendance of 58. There were 220 days of school. Every morning and evening there are exercises of worship, and one hour each day is given to Bible study. Four native teachers give their full time and four others part time. Of these eight teachers seven are professing Christians. The number of conversions in the year was four, and the whole number of Christians among the pupils twelve. This school has now completed its tenth year. The Church will be interested in Mr. Kempf's answer to the question: "What has it done in ten years?" Compressing his observations there is, first, "a decided improvement in the class of pupils who wish to enter our school. In the early years pupils were drawn from the poorest homes and were very deficient physically, mentally and morally." Now most come from the middle class and some from the "best families" in Tak Hing. These boys are diligent in their studies, have more respect for personal appearance and are more easily managed.

Second, important advance has been made in the course of studies and the grade of work done. From the simplest rudiments in the early years they have advanced on all lines until they are now teaching all subjects required by the government in the seven years graded course, with the constant instruction in Bible lessons added.

Third, "there has been a vast improvement in ability and efficiency of teachers." Ten years ago the best teachers obtainable followed the old method of teaching by rote. There was no enthusiasm. The teachers would sleep at their desks with their heads buried in their arms, or would go out on the street to smoke while the pupils held high carnival within. Now there are four full time teachers in this school, and, "they are as good as any if not the best that can be found locally." They are displaying the activity and method of good American teachers, and "are learning to teach for the sake of teaching and not merely for the sake of a salary." Such progress has commanded the "esteem and recognition of the upper and official classes. It is regarded as the best school in the district", and for this reason requests are being made that a middle school be opened or that this school furnish instruction in still higher grades. Progress is to be noted, also, in the direction of self-support. "If the average attendance and salaries of teachers had remained the same all these ten years, the school would have been self-supporting long ago".

As for specific results, Mr. Kempf has summed them up: "215 boys have been brought under Christian influence and instruction

for a period of from four months to seven years; the gospel carried into homes not otherwise reached," so that many parents had their first interest in Christianity aroused by their boys who were attending the school. "The school has had no small part in winning for Christianity a respect and interest of the upper classes". It "has made it possible for Christian parents to have their children educated under Christian influence." And although these results alone would "justify the existence of the school and the expenditure of all the means and time and energy which have been given to it", we have yet to reckon results whose potential value the next ten years will reveal. "We refer", says Mr. Kempf, "to the thirty or more boys who have made open confession of Christ by uniting with the church; and the eleven boys who have graduated in the last three years; the six graduates who are preparing for, or are already engaged in, the church's work; and the two who wish to enter the training school next year."

Such results show that the school is fulfilling the three principal purposes for which it was established, namely, "to bring boys to Christ, to help prepare the youth of China for Christian citizenship, and to help in raising up a ministry for the native church."

Mrs. Kempf taught English one hour each day, and Mrs. Wright gave instruction in music in the Boys' school.

Although Mr. Kempf's furlough falls due this spring, he generously offers to remain on the field another year, owing to peculiar circumstances at present in that station, and Dr. Robb's enforced absence.

The work at Do Sing progressed much the same as last year. An evangelistic service and a Sabbath school are held each Sabbath, and one hour daily is spent in Bible study at the boys' school. A native preacher conducts a mid-week prayer-meeting and is expected to preach the gospel any where and any time an opportunity is afforded.

From 5 to 30 attend the evangelistic service, and from 4 to 9, the prayer-meeting. Two communions were held; six men were received and baptized.

The church roll has been revised, and names of 15 lepers, who were either massacred or driven beyond the bounds of our district last May, were taken off the roll. There are now 34 Christians at Do Sing.

At Fung Tsuen, 15 miles west of Do Sing, there was preaching ten Sabbaths during the year by the native preacher with the assistance of the training class students. The young man in charge of the school there, a Christian of two years, has tried to keep the altar fires burning by conducting a prayer-meeting and Sabbath school every Sabbath. Six young men have been led to Christ through his influence. A communion was held there. There are seven Christians at Fung Tsuen.

The Do Sing and Fung Tsuen schools have 42 enrolled, with an average attendance of 27. Radical changes, throwing more responsibilities on the local Christians will be made next year.

Mention must be made of the wonderful advance at **Ma Hui,** already fully reported in OLIVE TREES. When our last year's report was prepared not a single Christian was at this place. Forty-nine have come into the fold from this district during the

year. Evangelistic services were held regularly on Sabbaths and market days. The native preacher, a graduate of the training class, did most of the chapel preaching. The district was visited frequently by Mr. Kempf and the native staff of the Tak Hing hospital. Two communion services were held. Thirty-eight adults and four children were baptized, and 11 more were baptized at Tak Hing. A third communion was planned, but after baptismal services the people in their eagerness crowded so closely around Mr. Kempf there was no room for the communion service.

The Girls' School and the Woman's School at Tak Hing engaged the efforts of Miss Mary R. Adams. On October 17 the opening of the educational work among women and girls was celebrated. It began 11 years ago with two pupils in the girls' school. Eight years since, the woman's work was started. This year's enrollment in the two schools was 74. There is an increasing appreciation of the value of education for girls, and a willingness to pay something for the pupil's board. Next year each will pay a little tuition.

Five girls finish the eighth grade and have taken a little high school work this year.

Four native teachers and five pupil teachers have helped carry on the regular work. Dr. Robb taught advanced Bible pupils. Mrs. Robb taught drawing to the primary class. And Mrs. Kempf and Mrs. Doig have had charge of the sewing, crocheting and tatting classes. Mrs. Wright directed music in both schools and also conducted the Wednesday Bible class. She has had charge of the teachers training class since Miss Huston left.

Students from the woman's school go every Sabbath afternoon to surrounding homes and tell the message of life. Eight girls have publicly acknowledged Christ this year, and others desire to be received into church membership.

The Rev. J. K. Robb returned to Tak Hing a few weeks prior to the annual meeting of the mission, and there need be no record here other than that he entered at once upon the work with enthusiasm. The Rev. W. M. Robb, rejoicing greatly to be again in China after providential absence, took up the study of the language. On the judgment of the mission he soon went to the Union Language School in Canton, where he made such rapid progress in regaining the language that he expects to be able in the autumn to take up a large degree of regular work.

The Medical Work in Tak Hing was under the efficient care of Dr. J. M. Wright. Dr. Kathryn W. McBurney assisting after her return from furlough. Dr. McBurney reports most gratifying progress in this department—a progress manifest to one returning after more than a year's absence. She notes particularly the growth of the native helpers under the added responsibilities laid on them during her own furlough. Her observations will be found in an interesting report to be published in OLIVE TREES. Dr. Wright reports for the Gregg Memorial Hospital, the medical training class and the itinerating through outlying parts of the district. Daily worship was held in the men's and woman's waiting room, and prayer meeting Wednesday afternoon. Every Sabbath of the year the hospital class and helper went out and either led or took part in a meeting. "All the patients and their friends accompany-

ing them attended morning worship, and showed an unusual spirit of serious inquiry. Many of them asked the helpers to teach them how to conduct worship so that on returning home they might themselves worship the true God. All of the in-patients before leaving for home professed to be believers, and many invited us to go to their homes to visit them and to talk the doctrine". A notable event was the completion of the course of study and training on the part of the hospital class. Hospital certificates were given the students. "The Tak Hing official sent to register those who were to receive certificates from the hospital with the object of preventing those who have not certificates from practising western medicine. This is a welcome step in the right direction." The two women in the class will continue to work in the hospital. One of the men will enter the theological class, another will teach in the women's school and do dispensary work in Do Sing on Saturdays. The third will go into private practice in a neighboring district.

The hospital class did a large amount of evangelistic work in the year. These students made 22 trips into the surrounding district, traveling about 700 miles. Five thousand people attended their meetings. They distributed gospels and tracts to the number of 8,460 and treated 1,050 patients, and preached 187 sermons. For details and figures as to patients, treatments, dispensary patients, out calls of the doctors etc., reference may be had to the statistical table.

Dr. Wright had charge of the colporteur work in the outlying district. A colporteur was employed for ten months, who worked to the west, north and east of Tak Hing. "The supply of gospels and Acts for the most part were secured from the National Bible Society of Scotland, Hankow, who supply them free to missions." The number of portions, Psalm books and Testaments is 2,149; and tracts, 3,000. These are additional to all those distributed and sold in the hospital.

For years Dr. Wright has felt the call to educational and research work, opportunities for which did not seem to offer in our mission. Repeatedly Dr. Wright has been requested to go to Kung Yee in Canton; later to Nanning; and this last year to the Canton Union Hospital. With Dr. Wright's expressed preferences before the mission and the Board and acting on the favorable recommendation of the mission, the Board appointed Dr. Wright to the Canton Union Hospital to represent our church on the teaching force. This hospital and medical school aims to give a medical education to young Chinese under distinctly Christian influences. Dr. Wright retains his connection with our mission and the Board continues to pay his salary. The rules of the hospital entitle each co-operating mission to a representative on the Board of Directors. Dr. Dickson has been chosen to this position.

LO TING DISTRICT.

The Rev. E. C. Mitchell now has charge of the ministerial and part of the school work of this district. Mrs. Mitchell is a most efficient helper. He preaches in Lo Ting, Che Tsai, Lo King and such other out stations as can be reached. From the time of the

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Stations Central	Stations in Tak Hing District	Stations in Lo Ting District	Missionaries	Ordained men	Physicians, men	Physicians, women	Single women	Wives	Native force	Licentiates	Evangelists, Native	Teachers, men, native	Teachers, women, native	Bible women & workers	Communicants	Increase	Decrease	Adult baptisms	Infant baptisms	Sabbath schools	Primary schools	Primary pupils, boys	Primary pupils, girls	Grammar schools	Grammar pupils, boys	Grammar pupils, girls	Women's school	Boarding pupils, women	Day pupils, women	Theological students	Medical students	Hospitals	Number of beds	Operations	In-patients	Treatments	Dispensaries	Dispensary patients	Individual out-patients	Population for which Mission is responsible	Field-villages visited	Hearers during village visits	Patients treated on village visits
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* Clerical error in last year's report should have been 187.

Financial Report by Departments

Direct Evangelistic	Educational	Medical
Local Cur.		
Amount drawn from Mission Treas. $15268.85		
Amount received from collections.... 343.94		
Total spent in direct evangelism ... $18670.79 (Missionaries' salaries not included)	Local Cur.	Local Cur.
	Amount drawn from Mission Treas. $5094.64	Amount drawn from Mission Treas. $ 397.52
	Receipts from board and tuition 1223.37	Receipts from fees and sale of drugs 1288.72
	Total spent in educational work .... $6318.01 Local	Total spent in medical work $1686.24

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Stations	Missionaries	Ministers	Doctors	Teachers	Native employees	Licentiate	Teachers	Servants	Bible women	Communicants	Increase	Decrease	Net increase	Communions	Baptisms	Primary schools	Girls' school	Boys' school	Greek pupils	Turkish pupils	Syrian pupils	Jewish pupils	Armenian pupils	Other nationalities	Scriptures given or sold	Bibles	Testaments	Portions	Medical treatments	Office treatments	Out visits	Village visits	Miles traveled
Larnaca	4	1	....	2	16	....	9	5	..	58	21	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	78	26	32	18	29	4	313	103	134	76	8462	7800	636	26	820
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Financial Report

Larnaca

Receipts	£	s.	d.
Boarding department	472	10	7½
Medical department	357	17	8
Tuition	246	6	1
School supplies	110	15	4½
Incidentals	69	3	4
Church collections	12	7	6
Total (about $6012)	1263	1	4

Expenditures	£	s.	d.
Wages, native emp.	671	5	....
Boarding department	494	7	1½
Medical supplies	152	2	2½
School supplies	139	18	8½
Repairs	89	19	6
Church collec. acct.	12	7	6
Incidentals	64	7	2
Total (about $7756)	1629	8	2½

Nicosia

Receipts	£	s.	d.
Receipts during year	357	17	8

Expenditures	£	s.	d.
Overd. from 1915-16	39	16	8
Medical supplies	132	2	2½
Wages, native help	199	....	....
Cash, Mission treas.	50	....	....
Repairs	32	14	6
Taxes and fosurance	3	7	3
Total expenditures	417	1	1½
Overdraft	59	3	2½

last year's report of the mission until he left China on a furlough, the Rev. Mr. Taggart was in charge of this work. During the summer and until Mr. Mitchell's return to China the natives carried the work under the direction of Dr. Dickson, except for the month of September, when Rev. Dr. Robb was in Lo Ting district as already reported. Mr. Mitchell reports that the ultimate results of the special evangelistic services in January of last year were disappointing. For while large numbers were interested and about 150 signified their desire to study the Bible and learn of the Christian doctrine, there was no one left after Mr. Taggart's departure to follow up the work. Consequently most of these inquirers have gone back to their old ways of living. May the Lord of the harvest care for the seed sown. To the Lo Ting congregation 14 were added on profession. A licentiate is employed here for his full time. In the chapel 62 preaching services were held; outside the chapel 200 meetings. Fifty-two prayer meetings for women, 52 for men, and 11 more in connection with the communion were held. In addition Mr. Lo, the evangelist made 60 visits into homes and schools where he talked the doctrine. "To one who has been away for two years", says Mr. Mitchell, "it is evident that progress has been made. There is no need for discouragement." Three communions were conducted in Lo Ting, and there are 81 members here, a net gain of 10.

In Che Tsai there are 40 members, and three communions conducted. To the extreme south, in Lo King, a licentiate is in charge. There are 30 members and two communions were conducted—one by Mr. Taggart and one by Dr. Robb. Last spring the Christians decided to enlarge the work and open a library. Money was collected to the amount of $1,000 local currency, largely from Chinese outside the church. Most of this money the donors wished to go for books. The opening of the library necessitated the re-modeling of the chapel. For this more money was contributed by the Christians of Lo Ting and Lo King and the mission made a loan of $300 (local) to complete the adaptation in the building. Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Dickson together made a trip to Lo King to inspect the building, and found it a structure well worth all that was expended on it.

Mr. Mitchell reports on two schools under his care, the boys' school at Lo Ting where one Chinese teacher is in charge, and a boys' school at Lo King, where one teacher will do the work next year, although two were employed last year. In Lo Ting the attendance was 31 and in Lo King 30. There is still a crying need for a young man to go out and take charge of the boys' school at Lo Ting and we are praying the Lord Jesus to call one of his own choice to this work.

Miss Ella Margaret Stewart again had the conducting of the **girls' school in Lo Ting.** Miss Jennie M. Dean reached the field about six weeks before the making of the annual reports. That time she spent in preparation for the next year's work. Miss Dean expresses gratitude to the heavenly Father for restored health and the privilege of returning to China. She began personal work among the girls at once, and sends a request for prayer on behalf of some four or five girls of marked influence who are as yet unwilling to pay the price of whole-souled surrender. And further:

"We crave your prayers for ourselves that Christ may be able to pour Himself through us in satisfying fullness to all with whom we come in contact for His name's glory". Miss Stewart feels already the added power of Miss Dean's personality in the work among the girls and women. During the first semester, beginning February 12 and closing June 29, 64 pupils were enrolled—57 from non-Christian homes. Quoting from Miss Stewart's report: "Each girl had at least one hour of Bible work per day. In the first grade we have ten hours each week, as children from the heathen homes are absolutely without any knowledge of Christ and Christian customs. Personal contact with them gives us a very definite conception of what we might have been, had we been denied godly parentage." As a consequence of insisting on the religious instruction and attendance upon worship, some of the girls did not return to the second semester in the fall. Yet more than 20 of the girls were regular attendants at the Sabbath services during the summer vacation while the missionaries were away; and "the 48 girls enrolled this semester have, with few exceptions, been unusually open and responsive, both in their Bible classes and public worship." Expressing her happiness at the return of Miss Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Stewart adds: "Mrs. Mitchell has taken up the women's work again with interest and enthusiasm." Two women's meetings are conducted each week. Mrs. Dickson has been a faithful and efficient worker in the school. Both she and Mrs. Mitchell have spent time visiting in the homes of the Christian and non-Christian women. We trust you will join us in prayer that 1917 may be a jubilee year in Lo Ting field."

The Medical Work in Lo Ting under Dr. E. J. M. Dickson has made marked advance in the year. He has made an effort to visit all the principal centers in the field, with a view to acquainting himself with its needs and possibilities as a whole. He has submitted a comprehensive and interesting survey of the district, similar to that of the Tak Hing District submitted to Synod a few years ago. And he has—wisely as we believe—proceeded on the basis that the making of the gospel self-sustaining should be proposed to the Chinese converts from the very beginning, and has definitely urged on them this policy. This laudable end, to be sure, has been in the minds and policy of all the missionaries from the beginning of the work. We are simply noting that Dr. Dickson's determination to put the idea to the fore from the very start may have a wholesome psychological effect on the Chinese. Perhaps the Oriental needs to be guarded against the temptation to rely upon the wealthier people of the Occident to finance the new religion among them. Under the wise leadership of Dr. Dickson, aided by Dr. Wright, the Lo Ting congregation took a long step in the desired direction. They "elected a board of eight trustees to establish and finance a hospital. They have purchased land and we hoped by this time to have our hospital building nearly finished but on account of poor crops early in the year money has been unusually tight and the work has been delayed. The plans have been drawn for a building with a capacity of about 35 beds, and we hope it will be under way by the first of February. Although this kind of work is new to these men and they have needed a

great deal of urging and encouragement to keep things moving, they have been of inestimable help to me and I feel certain that the work couldn't have made even the progress that has been made without their co-operation."

As for the general activities, "With the exception of the summer months of July and August, clinics were held regularly during the year, and the number of patients more than doubled that of the previous year". Our missionaries see the bubonic plague, intestinal parasites in children, and malaria in both old and young carry hundreds of the people to their graves every year. Dr. Dickson tells of his plans which, it is hoped, will ultimately save the people from these ravages: "Our only hope of getting ahead of these conditions is in teaching the people how to clean up and keep clean. On a small scale we have attempted to do something along this line during the past year. Our methods of publicity have been in offering prizes to the High School boys for the best essays on 'How to Keep Well', posting the city with bills warning the people of conditions that cause disease, circulating printed matter throughout the whole district on the subject of health, and securing the co-operation of the district Magistrate to the extent of his issuing proclamations urging the people to take all precautions against the spread of disease. In all these attempts the teachings of Jesus Christ have been given equal publicity and our experience has deepened the conviction that it is only through these teachings that we can ever hope to clean up China."

Gospel meetings were held regularly in the Pig Market, where a class is reached that seldom get to the chapel. After repeated attempts to secure permission to hold meetings in the jails in the city had failed, the permission was last fall given to conduct them in the civil jail, but for holding them in the military jail permission was not granted until the very last Sabbath of the year. Here meetings are now held regularly every Sabbath and in this way over 250 prisoners are brought in touch with the gospel. "No other work of the year has yielded as much satisfaction as this of meeting with these unfortunate fellows, many of whom sooner or later will be executed; in fact ten of these prisoners have paid the death penalty since our meetings began. In the civil prisons where we have held meetings for about three months there are about a dozen earnest inquirers."

Book stores, dispensaries and schools, established in the centers and out-stations, and journeys into the country by parties of workers and native helpers are other practical means for reaching out into the district. During the year over 60 visits have been made to nearby villages where meetings were held and at the close of each a clinic was conducted. The missionaries feel this is a "very effective way of getting the gospel into the homes of the people. In visiting different places we have collected data as to the leading men in the villages and we are now making an attempt to reach some of these men by correspondence. A personal letter counts fully as much in China as it does in America."

Last November Dr. Dickson used a special contribution of $100 gold to establish a dispensary and reading room in an outstation. "We picked", says he, "what we felt to be the neediest portion of the field, **the city of Sz Lun,** about a day's journey

west of Lo Ting. A store has been rented o nthe busiest street in the city and simple remedies, gospels, and gospel tracts are placed on sale. We also have a library with a good collection of Christian books. An earnest Christian young man is in charge of the work. Although the work here has been opened but one month, one man has made a public profession of Christ and there are several registered as inquirers who are studying the Bible. Meetings are held twice on Sabbath and every evening. We hope that the sale of medicines will make this station self-supporting."

SUMMARY.

To sum up for the entire China field:—We have a population of 2,000,000. There are 464 Church members, connected with eight churches and chapels, and as to their homes, scattered throughout about one-fourth to one-third of the territory. We likely will have by next autumn 20 or 21 missionaries in the field, and there are 41 native workers, comprising five licentiates, four evangelists, 21 male teachers, five female teachers and six Bible women. There are eight Sabbath schools, 18 educational schools with 513 pupils and students in all grades. There are two hospitals and five dispensaries, and two organized congregations. These are the human factors. May the Lord breathe on them and say, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost", and may his power course through them. God give our Zion to see the resources at her command!. "This is the word of the Lord.....Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts". May the God of redeeming love and almighty power soon save China!

That the needs and growing opportunities of our mission fields might be kept before the church, the Rev. R. A. Blair is acting for a few months as a special messenger to the churches, the treasurer of the Board generously bearing all the expense connected with the project. Mr. Blair is urging upon the churches a forward movement in all their work. Ready response is being made in increased contributions to both the home and foreign work. He is everywhere urging the Every Member Canvass, the Tithe, Free-will Offerings and the Budget system. From these every department of the church's work should benefit.

Miss Rose A. Huston expects to return to China in the early fall. Mr. R. C. Adams, Mr. Jesse C. Mitchell and Miss M. Edna Wallace, M. D., are under appointment to the same field, and after ordination by their Presbytery, expect to go out in time to enter the Union Language School in Canton. It is hoped that one or two others may be appointed in time to sail with these.

The missionaries at home from the Levant are ready to return to their stations at the earliest moment world conditions will permit. At that time a short term man will be needed to take the place of Mr. Carithers in the English school at Mersina. A young man is needed in the Academy in Cyprus. Two ministers, two physicians, two Bible women—in addition to the young man for the boys' school in Lo Ting—are needed for China.

OLIVE TREES has been published throughout the year. The financial statement is submitted by the treasurer.

The statistical tables for China and Cyprus are attached to this Report.

To Mission Study Classes the coming year are recommended the following books published by the Missionary Education Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, "The Lure of Africa" and "On African Trail" for adults, "The Moffats" for young people, and "African Adventurers" for juniors.

The Board requests of Synod an appropriation of $25,000 for the Levant and $30,000 for China.

The time for which Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D. D., Rev. Arthur A. Samson, D. D., Rev. McLeod M. Pearce, D. D., Rev. John W. F. Carlisle, Rev. R. A. Blair and Mr. Henry O'Neill were appointed to the Board has expired. Their successors should be chosen by Synod.

The Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer have been appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

FINDLEY M. WILSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE CHINA COMMISSION

Tak Hing, May 11th, 1916, 10 AM.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, A. I. Robb.

Members present—Ministers, A. I. Robb, J. A. Kempf, D. R. Taggart; Elders, J. M. Wright.

On motion the Commission proceeded to the licensure of Taam Chi Teng and Leung Mau Hing, as candidates for the ministry.

Taam Chi Teng gave a discourse on I John 2:1, 2, and an historical essay on Martin Luther.

Leung Mau Hing delivered a discourse on I Cor. 15:58; and an historical essay on Constantine.

The trial pieces were unanimously sustained and the candidates were licensed with prayer by the Moderator.

A. I. Robb was appointed to moderate the Lo Ting session in the absence of D. R. Taggart.

Minutes were approved.

Commission adjourned with prayer by D. R. Taggart to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Signed,

A. I. ROBB, Moderator,
D. R. TAGGART, Clerk.

Tak Hing, Nov. 11th, 1916, 3 pm.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, A. I. Robb.

In the absence of the regular clerk, J. A. Kempf was chosen to act as clerk, pro tem.

Members present:—Ministers, W. M. Robb, A. I. Robb, E. C. Mitchell, J. A. Kempf; Elders, J. M. Wright.

Mr. Mitchell was appointed to moderate the Lo Ting session. Minutes were read and approved.

The Commission adjourned with prayer by E. C. Mitchell to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Signed,

A. I. ROBB, Moderator,
J. A. KEMPF, Clerk pro tem.

The following resolution presented by D. C. Mathews was adopted:

Owing to the great loss which the Church has suffered in the frequent laying aside of the missionaries in the Tak Hing field,

Resolved that Synod requests Dr. J. M. Wright to prepare a report on sanitary and residential conditions in that field as to the possibility of overcoming or eliminating the malarial tendencies which there prevail, and that this report be published for the information of the Church as soon as prepared and also submitted to the next meeting of Synod.

The committee on Systematic Beneficience submitted a series of recommendations, all of which were adopted. Item No. 4 being referred to the committee on Finance. They were adopted as a whole and are as follows:

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficience would recommend:

1. That the Every Member Canvass be pushed by pastors, officers and congregations during the year.

2. That the Committee be authorized to provide such literature as may be deemed essential for the campaign.

3. That each meeting appoint a Committee to work in conjunction with Synod's Committee to assist in the prosecution of this work.

4. The time for which D. H. Elliott and R. A. Blair were elected expires and their successors should be chosen.

Respectfully,
D. H. ELLIOTT, Chairman,
R. A. BLAIR,
D. C. MATHEWS.
Committee.

The committee on National Reform reported. It was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM

Your Committee would respectfully report: Two papers have been placed in our hands, viz: The Annual Financial Report of the National Reform Association, and the Report of the Covenanter members of the Executive Committee.

The financial report shows the increased support that the Association has received, amounting to more than $10,000 beyond that of last year. The bulk of this has come in small sums indicating a growing constituency. The reports disclose the careful business methods in use by the office.

We note with great satisfaction the steadfast adherence of the Association to its fundamental purpose and ultimate aim of the complete Christianization of all national life, to be consumated and conserved by an explicit acknowledgment of Jesus Christ and His Law as supreme.

We also note with satisfaction the extension work that is being done along various lines of fundamental moral reform. We are especially pleased with this work, because it is being done with the express purpose of, and in a way that is calculated to promote in the public thinking the great fundamental aim of the movement.

The report indicates that the Anti-Mormon crusade is being conducted with increasing effectiveness; that the crusade on behalf of Christianity in our system of public education is being vigorously pushed, and that valuable aid is being rendered to other important reforms. Especially do we call attention to its efforts on behalf of peace based as they are on the recognition of the Prince of Peace, as the only secure foundation for peace.

The publicity work of the Association is being carried on in a very effective way.

We would call attention to the able manner in which the Christian Statesman is being conducted. It is gratifying to know that its high standard of former years is being maintained, and that its circulation is so rapidly increasing.

We heartily approve the decision of the Association to hold the Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference as soon after the close of the present war as possible, and bespeak the co-operation of the Church in its interests.

Recommendations:

1. That we as a Synod heartily endorse all the efforts that the Association is making to bring the nations of the world into harmony with the Divine law and purpose.

2. That we earnestly urge on the Association the fullest use possible of the present plastic condition of the world's political thinking to inculcate the great principle of the Kingship of Jesus Christ.

3. That we urge our ministers by the use of the pulpit, and our ministers and laymen by the use of opportunities afforded by Conventions, the public platform and the press to spread the great truths of National Reformation.

4. That we recommend the Christian statesman to our people as worthy of their support.

5. That Synod approve the reappointment of Jas. S. Martin, J. R. Wylie and Jas. S. McGaw to the positions that they now occupy with the Association.

6. That Synod name the sum of $10,000 as a guide to our people in making their contributions to this cause, and that the first Sabbath of November be named as the day for this offering.

Signed,

E. A. CROOKS, Chairman,
J. M. FOSTER,
J. M. WYLIE,
R. M. DOWNIE,
A. M. CANNON.
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COVENANTER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

Humbly before God and with profound gratitude for His favor, we bring to the attention of Synod the work for the past year, which to us appears to be the most successful in the history of the Association. Marked advances have been made along all lines—in the number of workers employed, the amount of work done, the interest developed in the cause advocated, and the financial help secured. We shall have to content ourselves with the merest mention of but a few only of the more important events in the work of the year.

There has been no abating in interest or effort in the advocacy of the concrete moral reforms we have been stressing for the past few years, such as the Crusade against Mormonism, the Bible in the schools, and Peace based upon submission to the Prince of Peace. There have been increased interest and effort in behalf of temperance, Sabbath observance and the preservation and purification of the home life. And most especially has there been a keen and most profound interest of late in and a carefully and prayerfully directed effort toward having our nation, in this hour of world cataclysm, hear and heed the voice of God in the judgments that are being visited upon the erring nations abroad, and so right herself with God that when the trysting time comes to her—as come it would seem it must in the course of time, and come indeed it may in the not far distant future—she may confidently appeal for help to Him who alone can give victory.

ANTI-MORMON CRUSADE.

The most imminent of all our internal moral problems is Mormonism. This institution is not only un-American but also unChristian. It is indeed most positively anti-Christian. It blasphemously calls itself the kingdom of God when in reality it is a part of the kingdom of the anti-Christ. The **imminency** of the problem lies in the fact of all our great national evils, Mormonism has been receiving the least attention from the mass of the people and has consequently made the most rapid and manifest progress. The appropriateness of our Association's contending specially against it lies in the fact that it is a hostile anti-Christian kingdom within our Republic and is aiming at its ultimate overthrow.

At least four distinct advances have been made in our crusade against it within a year.

1. IN THE SPREAD OF INFORMATION. In this field the CHRISTIAN STATESMAN is now accorded the place of undisputed authority among publications. Its outlook notes, editorials, special articles, crusade notes and carefully selected quotations are read and accepted by an ever-increasing body of Christian patriots, including many of the leading publicists of the country.

Our Publicity Bureau has placed advance notices and special articles in thousands of newspapers. Hundreds of clippings of these have been filed in our Pittsburg office. From this office a million and a half pages of literature and upwards of 20,000 letters have been issued and discriminately distributed in behalf of the Crusade. The letters have been written, for the most part, to men and women of extensive public influence and the literature sent almost exclusively to those requesting it and who are therefore the more certain advantageously to use it. The exactitude of our work, and the recognition of that exactitude are proven by the appeals for information and help made to us from all parts of the country by organizations, private individuals, pastors, editors, lecturers and the like.

Numerous special articles, including editorials, have been supplied by us and have appeared in newspapers and periodicals, not only religious, but in some instances secular.

One of the most effective of all the agencies for the spread of information has been the platform and pulpit work. Some 2,500 public meetings have been held under the auspices of the Association within the year. The audiences have ranged, in the main, from a few hundred to thousands. Six speakers on Mormonism are at work almost constantly, some of them speaking on an average twice a day; and several others are devoting a part of their time to the cause.

Our most notable achievement in public meetings was at Winona Lake in August last where we presented, among others, this cause with eight speakers during five days to constantly increasing audiences.

By the Lord's blessing and the aid of willing workers and contributors, we have been able to place before the country better information, more in quantity and accuracy, than was ever before had by the people.

2. IN THE AROUSAL OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT. Passing by all other evidences of this, we cite the fact that managers of moving picture corporations and even theatrical companies—always quick to discern what is of sufficient public interest to bring money into their coffers—are now exhibiting on the stage in New Jersey and the New England States the evils of polygamy to large and ever-increasing audiences. Moreover, newspaper distributing agencies are beginning to sense the aroused public sentiment against Mormon criminal aggression, political and financial as well as polyga mous, and are seeking official data on these for sale to newspaper editors. And still further, numerous writers on Mormonism for newspapers and magazines are springing up of late on almost every hand—all as the result chiefly of our Crusade.

3. IN THE APPROACH TO THE GOVERNMENT. Fully 20,000 memorials from 5,000 different assemblies and organizations, voicing the sentiments of millions of patriots, have been sent

within a year to the several departments of the national government asking for the fourfold remedy, viz: An Amendment to the Federal Constitution forever prohibiting polygamy and polygamous living; the refusal by the postmaster-general of the use of the mails for teaching of polygamy; a public accounting by the Mormon prophet of his $400,000,000.00 misused government trust fund; and a reopening of the case against the Mormon kingdom once tried at Washington under the title of a protest against the right of Reed Smoot to hold a seat there. Already not a few government officials, especially Senators and Representatives, have pledged their support of these remedies. Already 36 State legislatures have declared in favor of an anti-polygamy amendment. No man can say, especially in these times, when action at Washington can be secured; but surely it cannot long be delayed if the pressure which the Association is directing and upon which all Christian and patriotic forces are uniting shall continue its growth and intensity.

4. IN THE NOTICEABLE EFFECTS ON MORMONISM. The constant and angry attention paid to the Crusade by the Mormon hierarchs and publications is assurance that the cause is advancing even in Mormondom. Pressure from the outside is arousing a restive feeling within the Mormon kingdom. Left to themselves the Mormon masses, like the German masses, have no power to revolt; and the hierarchs, like the Hohenzollern family, have no inclination for reform. The breaking of the despotism by attack from the outside is essential; and we see hope that it may be successful. The hierarchs are trying to pacify among their followers the doubts and resistances which our Crusade arouses. For instance: (1). The prophet last April made an accounting of more than $20,000,000 of his tithe funds. This and the preceding financial statement of the year before were the very first reports ever made by a Mormon prophet to his people. (2). The prophet has permitted (really promoted), the election of a non-Mormon Governor of Utah. (3). Some of the most blasphemous and treasonable of Mormon teachings have been omitted from the new editions of Mormon books. (4). An intense disavowal of the present practice of polygamy is commended to every missionary sent out from Mormondom to the world.

Of course, we are not citing these things as evidence that a genuine and permanent reform has been effected, but as evidence that with redoubled prayer and energy on our part there is hope of effecting such reform. Nor can it come any too soon. The sooner it materializes, the less costly will it be.

BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS

If Mormonism be the most imminent of all our great moral problems, the character of public education is the most fundamental and far-reaching. It is much larger than that of mere Bible reading in the Schools. It involves indeed the whole question of the relation of the nation to Christ and His law. Yet Bible reading in schools is the rallying cry to which the public most readily responds, and constitutes the peg on which discussion of the entire subject of the relation of a nation to God and His law can be most advantageously hung. With this constantly in mind, we have strenuously insisted that the Book of books—as a whole—be given

its rightful place at the head of our system of public education, be in every school and read in every school, and there taught as the State's rule of life and standard of action.

To this end many of our speakers have repeatedly spoken on the public platform; not a few of them have written for the press; thousands of sermons have been procured from pastors of various evangelical denominations all over the land; tens, even hundreds of thousands of pages of literature have been issued and discriminately and widely distributed; the observance of the Day of Prayer for Schools has been, through our publicity Bureau and otherwise, more widely extended than ever before, reaching as it now does into every State of the Union; and last, but by no means least, our General Field Secretary has succeeded in securing a most favorable hearing before the Assembly of the State of California in behalf of the Bible in the Schools Constitutional Amendment before that body, and also in aligning practically all the Christian forces of the State for the legal safeguarding of the reading of the Book of books, with all that it involves in the schools of that Commonwealth.

From the many testimonials to the effectiveness of our work constantly coming from all sections of the country, there can be little doubt that this work has had much to do in retaining the Bible in the schools where it now is and in creating and intensifying the growing public sentiment that will ultimately put it into the schools where it does not now have a place.

PEACE

Perhaps the most interesting of all problems to the great majority of the American people—if not indeed to the peoples of the world—is that of international peace. Amid the awful present-day carnage, the hearts of true men and women the world over are longing, ardently and fervently longing, for just and lasting peace. Of this problem we have by no means lost sight. We have been diligently sowing the seeds of peace—even amid the roar and din of war—seeds which by the blessing of God, we trust will ripen into a speedy, just and righteous peace. This we have done in the columns of the Christian Statesman, in addresses on the public platform and by the distribution of much carefully prepared literature, and the consequent securing of the preaching of hundreds, if not indeed thousands, of sermons in keeping with the literature distributed.

Believing that the bloody war now in progress would be shortened if the nations engaged therein would humbly confess their sins to God, entreat His forgiveness and pledge to Him their obedience—at the same time praying to Him for national righteousness rather than for national victory—a paper to this effect was prepared and sent each of the embassadors of the warring nations at Washington. The League to enforce the peace of the nations, has also been approved and this approval ordered forwarded the President of the United States, with the assurance of the hearty support of the Association in any and all effort to secure righteous peace.

OTHER REFORMS

It goes almost without saying that in this year of exceptional activity for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating drinks our

Association has, through the columns of the Christian Statesman, on the public platform, by the distribution of literature, the free use of the Publicity Bureau we are now establishing for ourselves, an urgent appeal to the Congress and President of the United States, done her full share. Nor has she failed to call attention to the grave danger to our nation of her widespread and seemingly ever-increasingly desecration of God's holy day; and most certainly has she not failed to hold up the law of Christ pertaining to the family life alongside our unscriptural system of marriage and divorce laws, as a means of quickening the torpid Christian conscience on this most important subject.

WORLD'S CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

Profoundly convicted of the crying need of national repentance and reformation in this hour of world crisis, keenly appreciative of the exceptional opportuneness of the hour to press this need upon the public conscience, deeply conscious of the Divine obligation resting upon us to co-operate with Christian patriots of every name in the work of the Christian reformation of nations, and earnestly hoping to be able to do our full part to have Christianity given a prominent place at the table of world peace around which representatives of the warring nations shall gather at the close of hostilities, our Association, as a means to the desired end, after careful and prayerful consideration, has finally and definitely decided to hold a Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., immediately following the close of the war and meantime, beginning at once, diligently to prepare for the same. By so doing we hope to take advantage of the present receptive state of mind, comparatively speaking, of the Christian public to the great fundamental Scriptural truths of the relations and duties of nations and their rulers to God, His Christ and His law. Already we have addressed a communication to our chief executive entreating him to appoint a Day of Prayer, suggestively the first Lord's Day in July, for confession of national sin and petition for national forgiveness. Already a similar request, at the instigation of our Association, has been made of the President by numerous church courts—the highest courts of different denominations recently in session. Already the religious press of the country has given considerable notice and encouraging sanction to this action, and the proposed forthcoming Conference, and all as initial steps steps in preparation for the Conference. By the blessing of God and the help of His people we mean to make this third Conference of its kind, and especially the work of preparation for it, the means of advancing the cause of National Reform beyond, far beyond, anything it has ever hitherto reached. And in this effort we bespeak the hearty co-operation of the Synod of this Church, which has always honored itself by the active part it has taken in the work of National Reform.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, AIMS AND METHODS.

The Association's "Declaration of Principles, Aims and Methods," to which reference was made in last year's report as distinctly setting forth the Kingly authority of Christ and the supremacy of His law in civil affairs, and the necessity for the recognition of these truths or principles in the highest written law of the land,

has been much more widely distributed this past year than the year previous. And since our country's entrance into the present world struggle, these truths have been specially proclaimed by not a few of our speakers.

THE CHRISTIAN STATESMAN

One of the most encouraging features of the year's work has been the rapid growth of the subscription list of our official journal, the Christian Statesman. Its net increase has been almost 3,000. As this is the official, permanent, printed mouthpiece of the Association—able, unique and in a field all its own—its rapid and ever-increasing circulation, especially among the choicest citizens of the land, is fraught with great possibilities for good in the interests of the cause we seek to promote.

LETTERS AND LITERATURE

Some 40,000 letters have been prepared and sent throughout the year; almost a hundred thousand tracts of various sizes and bearing upon various phases of our work issued; and six and a half million pages of literature distributed, practically all of which has gone to those who have in some way requested it.

WORKERS

We have found it necessary to add to our workers both within and without the office. We now have from five to seven people in the office most of the time, and from nine to eleven in the field. On the payroll of the Association we have a total of eighteen, and the salary and expenses of these, together with the office, publicity Bureau, literature, including the Christian Statesman, and postal, envelope and letterhead expenses, require a monthly outlay of between $4,000 and $5,000. All told, we have ten times as many employees as we had ten, even eight years ago, spend ten times as much money and do twenty times as much work.

FINANCE

The Treasurer's report speaks for itself. It exceeds that of last year by more than $10,000, and totals, aside from the $3,000 or thereabouts raised and expended by the Woman's Auxiliary, over $49,000. Indeed, it approached so near the $50,000 fixed by the charter of the Association a few years ago as the maximum amount of its annual income, that we have found it necessary to alter the Charter, which now fixes the maximum annual income at $500,000. It is worthy of note that with the single exception of a $5,000 bequest from the late J. G. McConnell of our Church—minus the inheritance tax—received during the past year, the great bulk of the amount received has been in comparatively small sums —ranging from a few cents up to $1, $2, $3, $4, $5 and $6 each, thus evidencing the very large number of people financially interested in our work. Indeed we have in our Pittsburg office almost 30,000 names and addresses of interested people scattered throughout the entire country.

All in all, therefore, we have great reason to thank God and take courage. And with the deep-seated conviction that the work is of God and must ultimately succeed, we confidently go forward in reliance upon the King of Kings and making our appeal to the Name that has never been appealed to in vain. This verse, written, it is said, with reference to foreign missions, is equally applicable to the work of National Reform.

"I know of a land that is sunk in shame,
Of hearts that faint and tire,
But I know of a name, a name, a name,
Can set that land on fire.
I know of a name, a name, a name,
Will set that land on fire."

We ask of the Church for the coming year the same amount as recommended by Synod a year ago, $10,000, and an approval of the reappointment of J. Renwick Wylie, James S. McGaw and James S. Martin to the positions which they now occupy in the work of the Association.

Signed,

JAMES S. MARTIN, Chairman,
For the Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

December 1, 1915 to December 1, 1916.

December 1, balance		$121.23
RECEIPTS		
Sale of literature	$ 99..69	
Subscriptions to Christian Statesman	2,451..06	
Secretaries in the field—general	6,130..00	
Congregational and personal subs	11,656..21	
For Bible in the Public Schools	2,000..07	
Anti-Mormon Crusade	23,563..03	
Dividends	512..00	
Money borrowed on Ass'n Collateral	3,361..49	$49,773..55
		$49,894..78
EXPENDITURES		
General Work—		
Printing, etc	$ 876..87	
Printing and mailing Statesman	3,130..52	
Office Postage and Supplies	1,140..44	
Office Salaries and Rent	2,653..50	
Field Secretaries, Salaries	7,451..55	
Field Secretaries Expenses	2,057..09	
Winona Lake, Ind., Ins't and Repairs	350..23	
Publicity	636..81	

Bible in the Public Schools Campaign—		
Salaries of Speakers	2,333..24	
Expenses of Speakers	815..57	
Publicity	1,273..60	
Anti-Mormon Crusade—		
Postage and Supplies	$ 1,852..18	
Salaries of Speakers	19,679..81	
Expenses of Speakers	2,419..08	
Publicity	2,361..49	
Money repaid on Loans	2,361..49	$50,942..38
Dec. 1, 1916, Balance overdrawn		$1,047..60

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 4th, 1916.

I hereby certify that I have made a careful audit of the books and papers of the National Reform Association from Dec. 1st, 1915, to Dec. 1st, 1916, and herewith confirm the above report.

H. A. STOUT,
Public Auditor

The following letter prepared by the committee on Foreign Correspondence was approved, and the officers of the court directed to sign and forward it to the Synod of Ireland.

Sterling, Kan., June 14, 1917.

To the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland,
Brethren, beloved in the Lord:

Your Synodical letter, dated June 1, 1916, was read in our Synod on June 7, 1917, at its meeting here in Sterling, Kansas. Many things have happened since your letter started on its way, but in all things and at every turn, the hand of God has been signally manifest. We wish to assure you that in this eventful hour you have our profoundest sympathy. We are one with you in thought, in feeling and in purpose. Bound as we have always been by the ties of a common lineage, and still more deeply by the infrangible bonds of many covenants, we are now bound together anew by the dreadful exigencies of the passing moments. We, like you, are living amid surroundings which help us to understand what David must have felt when he said—"Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight." We feel that the war is justifiable and the cause is righteous; and that in laying down our lives, if lay them down we must, we are but laying them on the altar of God. Our sufferings on this side, it is true, as compared to yours, have scarcely begun. We have not as yet resisted unto blood. But our day, too, is nigh at hand. As heartaches, anxieties, bereavements, and multiplying sorrows have found their way into your homes, so will they soon find their way into ours. Our hope is in God, for in it all and through it all we know that the Lord of hosts is with us and the God of Jacob is our refuge. God will honor the testimony of His people. This is not the first time that the Covenanter has been

called upon to shed his blood in the cause of liberty with which Christ has made His people free. In former times it was not in vain, nor shall it be in this. God will vindicate our cause.

During the past year we have lost by death, Dr. D. C. Martin, the Rev. J. M. Armour, Dr. J. R. Thompson, and Bro. J. C. K. Faris. Also we record the death of Mrs. Balph, the wife of Dr. Balph of our Syrian Mission. All these having served their generation, have fallen on sleep. We humbly say, "Thy Will Be Done."

We note with sorrow the death of Dr. Dick, which occurred since our last letter to you. Among us, as among yourselves, he was known as a great and worthy man. He had an influence which reached across the seas, and it was an influence that always told for righteousness and will continue to tell for righteousness for centuries to come. We mourn with you your loss.

Our present meeting of Synod has been one of the most pleasant meetings ws have had for many a year. We have discussed questions of the most weighty kind without a single acrimonious word. In fact,we are learning more and more as the years roll by, how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

In closing we bless you in the name of God.

In behalf of Synod.

Signed,

J. M. COLEMAN, Moderator,
G. A. EDGAR, Clerk.

The report of the committee on Unfinished Business was taken up. Items 4, 5, 6, were postponed for the present. On Item 7 there was no report. Item 12 was adopted. Item 15 was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT ON PREMILLENNIALISM.

Pre-Millennialism as a practical principle stands self-condemned. Any interpretation of the Scriptures which makes no provision for the salvation of man's political nature stands self-condemned. This part of our being has shared the curse of sin and in the fall of the human race has suffered as severely as any other part. To say that God created man a social being, giving to him a political nature, intending him to live in the relations of citizenship, and establishing for him political institutions; and then, having provided a salvation for all other parts of his nature intends for him to live in sin politically until the dawn of some future Dispensation, is a doctrine too abhorrent to be considered. So long as our political nature is an integral part of our being, any theory of redemption that leaves this unprovided for is false. And any system that fails to recognize the moral personality of the nations and their present relations to God as accountable beings; the Divine origin of the institutions of Civil Government and God's will as to their administration; the moral ends for which the State exists, and our need of a Living, Reigning, Omnipotent, Gracious and Universal King who is now the Governor among the nations,

who is such in this present Dispensation, and who is really exercising an actual dominion throughout the whole political realm at the present time is fundamentally defective, and unsuited to the needs of a sinful world. If the Lord Jesus is not such a King just now, he should be, as the political situation throughout the world testifies. That the nations have not entered into the blessedness of His reign is only because they have not owned Him as their King. And must we not say that any theory of Christ's Kingdom which has no word either of warning or of hope for what has always been, and is especially at this time, the most sad and sinful side of human life, and which if heard and heeded would arrest this age-long epidemic of war and national suicide—such a theory carries on its face the mark of its origin. It cannot be of Him who came, not to destroy life, but to save it, and to save it in all its relationships; who in the Old Testament said, "By Me Kings reign and princes decree justice;" and in the New Testament claimed that into His hands had already been committed "All Power, both in Heaven and on Earth."

The inadequacy of Pre-Millennialism as a practical working principle is in itself enough to condemn it in the eyes of all who believe that in Jesus Christ we have a perfect Saviour who came into this world to redeem the whole man, and that His Gospel is today the power of God unto the salvation of the nations, and wherever else it is applied.

Pre-Millennialism condemned historically.

It is not and never has been a Church doctrine. As we have already shown that the great creeds of all the Christian era as well as those of our own Church in Scotland and Ireland condemn this teaching as an error. Our own testimony is in entire accord with this condemnation. In Ch. XXXIII, page 240, it speaks of a "Millennial state" when the empire of darkness shall have been overthrown and in which the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. But this glorious era is one in which Christ is to reign as He now reigns from Heaven.

Further, The Covenanter Church, in all lands, is herself a concrete testimony, an incarnate argument, against this form of error. Ever since our ancestors inscribed upon their banners, "For Christ's Crown and Covenant," and on the battlefield, on the scaffold, and at the stake poured out their life in defense of the principle therein expressed, this Church has always stood in a distinctive way as a witness for all that of which Pre-Millennialism is the exact antithesis.

Our testimony for the universal headship of Christ over all things, the absolute supremacy of His law in all of life's relations, the Moral Personality of Nations, the duty of the State to regulate its action in accord with the Divine Will, and the duty of the citizen to be as consistent in politics as in any other sphere, are some of the points at which the Covenanter Church comes into sharpest confict with Pre-Millennialism. The practical applicaton of our testimony in seeking to bring the nations to an open, cordial, organic acceptance of their King being the mark by which we are best known, being the position on which we are most fiercely opposed, and being ultimately the fundamental and sufficient reason that justifies our separate existence as a distinct denomination,

the relation of Pre-Millennialism and Covenanterism must ever be one of irreconcilable disagreement. There is no common ground possible between them. If their position is right, then that of the Covenanter Church is wrong, the historic legend on our banner is wildfire, the faithful contendings of our fathers for liberty and democracy was a mistake, the blood of the martyrs was wasted, and all our present testimony for the royal claims of Christ is for a King with empty titles. But this expression, "the first resurrection," need not and does not refer to a physical resurrection even of the martyrs.

Pre-Millennialism stands condemned scripturally.

1. It claims strong support in one highly figurative passage (Rev. 20: 4-6), giving to this scripture a literal and fantastic interpretation.

Three things are lacking in this passage which are vital to this view.

(a) A pre-millennial visible coming of Christ to reign on earth.

(b.) The rapture.

(c.) A literal resurrection of the righteous.

The expression, "the first resurrection," (Rev. 20:5-6), even taken literally could not apply to all, but to only a limited number of the righteous dead; to those who had died as martyrs by decapitation. The key to the proper interpretation of this passage is found in the principle laid down by Christ. In Mal. 4: 5, is the promise that Elijah will come. In Matt. 17: 10-13 and Mark 9: 11-13 there is the interpretation of this promise by Jesus. When asked if Elijah must not first come, Jesus answered that Elijah had come already, and "they knew him not, but did unto Him whatsoever they would." Then the disciples knew that He referred to John the Baptist (Matt. 17: 13). Taken literally, John the Baptist was not Elijah, but because he had the spirit, character and power of Elijah, he is called Elijah, and he is Elijah, figuratively.

So, in this 1000 year period, the martyrs are not to be literally raised from their graves, but many persons having the Spirit, character and power of those martyrs will be raised up among men. John Huss understood this principle when referring to the influence of his life after his martyrdom, he said: "But I, awaking from the dead and arising, so-to-speak, from the grave, shall live with great joy." Also that Pope who said: "The heretics Huss and Jerome are now alive again in the person of Martin Luther." Also Ezekiel, who represents the Israelites, restored to their own land after the captivity as coming up out of their graves. (Ezek. 37: 12-14).

Pre-Millennialists teach that there is a literal first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) and a final resurrection (Rev. 20:11-15.) that between the two there is an interval of 1,000 years—the 1000 years of Rev. 20: 3, 5, 6. This is unscriptural for all the scripture passages bearing on the resurrection allow no such interval, because "the resurrection of life" and "the resurrection of judgment" (Jno. 5: 28-29), "A resurrection both of the just and the unjust" (Acts 24: 15), the resurrection "to everlasting life," and the resurrection "to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12: 2), belong to one and the same consum-

mation scene. (See also 1st Cor. 15: 20-28, Matt. 25:31-46, Rev. 20: 11-15).

Pre-Millennialism discredits the scriptural teaching as to the function of the Holy Spirit. He is the power that has been sent to "convict the world of sin and righteousness and of judgment" (Jno. 16:8). Pre-Millennialism teaches that the Holy Spirit has not succeeded and will not succeed in any universal sense, but that the present dispensation will end in failure, and that the Holy Spirit will be withdrawn from the earth. Then Christ will come to the rescue. His manifested glory, His visible presence, and His corporeal throne will be more potent in rebuking sin and carrying the Kingdom to a successful issue than His invisible presence through the Holy Spirit and the power of the Gospel. Jesus, Himself, says: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one arose from the dead." He also assures us, "It is expedient for you that I go away."

Pre-Millennialism teaches that the Great Commission (Matt. 28: 19-20; Mark 16: 15), does not command us either to look for or to labor for a world-wide conversion; that this is to be realized only after the Pre-Millennial advent of Christ.

The command here literally translated is "make all the Nations disciples," Matt. 28:19. This is to be accomplished by preaching the Gospel to the whole creation (Mark 16: 15), and this is to be God's program until the end of the world (Matt. 28: 20). That the world will be generally converted in the present dispensation is shown in the parables of the Leaven and Mustard Seed, and in the vision of Daniel where the stone that smote the great image grows into a great mountain.

Pre-Millennialism has an insufficiency of Scripture to take care of the situation at the end of the world. It associates all the Scriptures on the resurrection and rapture of the righetous with the pre-millennial coming of Christ. (1st Thess. 4: 13-18; and 1st Cor. 15: 50-57), and all other passages such as Dan. 12: 2; Jno. 5: 28-29, etc., are used up. They hold that the resurrection and judgment of Rev. 20: 11-15 is of the wicked only. Therefore, when we come to this final judgment scene of Rev. 20: 11-15 the Pre-Millennialist has no scripture for the rapture or translation of the living righteous, no scripture for the resurrection of the righteous who died during the Pre-Millennial advent; no scripture for another Parousia or a third coming of Christ which their system would require.

Pre-Millennialism calls for a mixture of an earthly and heavenly society on earth. For such an order of society not even a hint of Scripture can be found.

Pre-Millennialism is unscriptural in its teaching that Christ shall occupy the literal throne of David.

Perhaps the most subtle of all the alleged Bible proofs is that which is based upon the promise that Christ shall occupy the throne of David (II Sam. 7:12-16; Isa. 9:7; Luke 1:32, 33). They declare with the utmost positiveness that this promise cannot be fulfilled unless and until Christ comes to this world and inaugurates a visible, corporeal reign. But it has been shown from the Scriptures that He is already enthroned and clothed with universal authority. By virtue of this enthronement He must therefore pos-

sess the throne of David and all that it symbolized. While the nation of Israel was in a true sense the kingdom of God it was not the kingdom in its complete form. It was a model and a symbol of that kingdom in its relation to divine authority and law. David's throne and kingdom therefore stand for the entire Mediatorial dominion. The promise in question can be fulfilled only by His occupying the throne of the Father and swaying the Mediatorial sceptre over the universe. The Scriptures in specific terms declare that in this wide sense the promise is already fulfilled. Jesus is said to have "the key of David." (Rev. 3:7). The key is the symbol of authority. Jesus possesses all the authority the key of David symbolizes. In his address on the day of Pentecost Peter plainly showed that the very promise concerning the throne of David has been fulfilled in the exaltation of Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:29-36). A summary statement of the argument will suffice. David as a prophet knew that God would set one of his descendants permanently on his throne; Peter declares that this promise is completely fulfilled in Jesus; this fulfillment consists in His incarnation, suffering and death, resurrection, ascension and enthronement at God's right hand, whereby he is made both Lord and Christ.

THE SCRIPTURAL TEACHING ON THE PAROUSIA OR COMING OF OUR LORD.

Parousia means presence and coming. The question arises whether there is but one or a number of comings of Christ after His ascension. One class of scripture passages seem to indicate an early coming. It would occur before the disciples "have gone through the cities of Israel". (Matt. 10:23), and before the death of some of that generation (Matt. 16:28, 24, 34, Mk. 13:30, Luke 21:32). Another class of passages teach a delayed coming. Some of these are the parables having the idea of growth. The Sower, Wheat and Tares, Mustard Seed, The Seed growing gradually. Delay of the coming is seen also in parables of the Unjust Judge; The Ten Virgins; and in the time to intervene known as "the times of the Gentiles" (Lk. 21:24).

These and other scriptures on the Coming of our Lord we group under the following heads:

1. Christ's Coming in the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Matt. 16:28, Acts 2: John 14: John 16:7.

2. Christ Coming at the destruction of Jerusalem. Matt. 24, Mk. 13 and Lk. 21, foretell the destruction of the world. The time limit for the former is fixed as in the lifetime of that generation (Matt. 24:34).

3. Christ's Coming for judgment at different times in the history of His Kingdom. Rev. 2:5, 16; Rev. 3:3, 11; Matt. 26:64.

4. Christ's Coming at Great Historical crises in the development of His Kingdom for judgment and spiritual awakening such as at the time of the Protestant Reformation, such as that of today in this great world war and surely such as that when the glorious day shall fully come when the Kingdoms of this world shall have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

5. Christ's Coming to each believer at death (Jno. 14:3. cf. also 2nd Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23).

6. Christ's Coming at the end of the age, when there shall be the resurrection, the rapture or translation and the judgment. (Matt. 24. Mk. 13. Lk. 21. 1st Thess. 4:13-17, 1st Cor. 15, Rev. 20:11-15.)

This Parousia of Christ differs from all those comings cited above in that it is both final and visible. Heb. 9:28 says of this coming, Christ "shall appear a second time", the Greek verb for "shall appear" means "shall be seen". This is Christ's final coming at which He is seen a second time in contrast to His coming at the incarnation when He was seen the first time.

RESTORE THE VISION OF CHRIST

Dr. Henry Van Dyke tells us that looking down from the walls of the Bargello in Florence is a portrait of the great Italian poet Dante, supposedly his best and truest likeness. For many years it was thought that this picture had perished. Men had heard of it but no one living had ever seen it, and the memory of the poet's face as he really looked was being forgotten. At last came an artist who was determined to find this picture. He went to the palace where tradition said it had been painted. The room was used as a storehouse for lumber and straw, and the walls were covered with dirty whitewash. He had the heaps of rubbish removed, and patiently and carefully he removed the whitewash and at last the grave, lofty, noble face of the great poet looked out upon the world of light, and his people knew him once more.

Let us seek to restore to the world's vision a true likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Back of all the rubbish and straw of our worldliness and behind all the whitewash of false teachings about Him, He may still be found, imprisoned only so far as our unbelief shuts Him out of our life, but willing and ready to look down upon his brethren graciously and bless us from His present throne of universal dominion and absolute power.

T. M. SLATER, Chairman.
I. A. BLACKWOOD.
R. C. WYLIE.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by W. P. Johnston.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9 a. m.

Synod met and was constituted in prayer by the moderator.

The roll was called and the following did not respond A. M. Cannon, J. S. Martin, Rob't Clark, J. D. Edgar, T. J. Joseph, W. A. McClelland, Rob't McClintock, Thos. McKelvey, T. C. McKnight, R. M. Young.

Devotional exercises. The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved. R. E. Wilson, R. A. Blair, A. Copeland, J. R. W. Stevenson, E. A. Crooks excused from further attendance.

The report of the committee on Unfinished Business was taken up and Item 6 in this report was referred to the committee on Discipline.

The report of the committee on Discipline was called for. Two reports presented. The minority report was taken up for consideration.

Recess till 1:30. Prayer by J. M. Wallace.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 1:30 p. m.

Synod re-convened. T. J. Joseph led in prayer. The roll was called and the following did not answer: W. C. Allen, J. L. Boyd, Rob't Clark, Geo. Coleman, John Coleman, J. W. Dill, J. S. Martin, G. R. McBurney, W. J. McBurney, Wm. McFarland, R. C. Montgomery, E. G. Russell.

J. C. Peoples, H. B. McMillan, and R. M. Young were excused from further attendance.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the committee on Discipline was taken up. The minority report was adopted.

Item 6 of the report of the committee on Unfinished Business was taken up. The disposition of this item was postponed till the meeting of 1918, being made the order of the day for two o'clock on the second day of Synod and a special committee was appointed to bring in a report at that time.

The report of the committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Item 17 was postponed till the next meeting of Synod and another committee was appointed to continue the investigation.

T. M. Slater and F. D. Frazer were excused.

Item 18, the committee reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The committee to confer with Rev. Dr. R. J. G. McKnight, professor elect, respectfully report the following letter, received July 5, 1916. D. B. Willson, chairman.

To Synod's Committee appointed to confer with Professor-elect.

Dr. D. B. Willson, Chairman:

Dear Brethren:—

After prayerful consideration of the action of Synod in electing me to succeed Professor D. B. Willson in the Seminary and after conferring with the session and congregation which I have had the honor to serve as pastor for the past seven years, I am convinced that it is my duty to accept the position.

I shall arrange to enter upon the work prescribed in September, and in undertaking it I ask the prayers and the support of the whole church that I may have a double portion of the Spirit of God in the discharge of the duties which belong to this high position in the service of the Covenanter Church.

Sincerely,

R. J. G. McKNIGHT.

Wilkinsburg, Pa., July 3, 1916.

Item 12. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CLERK ON PRINTING MINUTES OF 1916.

The Clerk would respectfully report that according to the instructions of Synod, the Clerk had 1500 copies of the Minutes printed by the Selma Stationery Company at a cost of $320, and forwarded the same to the stated Clerk of Synod.

G. A. EDGAR, Clerk.

Item 16. The committee reported. The report was adopted and is as follows.

Your Committee appointed to consider the advisability of combining in one volume the Confession of Faith, the Testimony, Directory for Worship, etc., would respectfully report that in view of the high cost of material and work: of the small amount of money in the Literary Fund, and the doubtful value of comprising all these volumes in one, we recommend that no steps be taken at the present time for such publication.

T. H. ACHESON, Chairman,
J. M. JOHNSON,
J. S. TIBBY.

The report of the committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Your committee on unfinished business would respectfully report the following matters as requiring the attention of Synod:

Item 1. Committee on Witness Bearing to print tracts called for by the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Psalmody. p. 11.

Item 2. The recommendations of the Mission Conference to be printed on application blanks sent to aid receiving congregations, p. 128 of Minutes of 1915.

Item 3. Clerk to reply to communication from the pastor of the Moody Tabernacle. p. 50.

Item 4. Committee on Alliance of Reformed Churches and World Alliance of Churches for Promotion of Friendship continued to report this year, p. 117.

Item 5. Central Board to report on the equitable distribution of the traveling expenses of Pacific Coast Presbytery.

Item 6. Item 6 of last year's report on Unfinished Business postponed till the meeting of 1917. p. 117.

Item 7. Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Supplies.

Item 8. The communication to the President of the United States to be signed and forwarded by the officers of Synod.

Item 9. Officers to sign and forward the letter to the Synod of Ireland. p. 120.

Item 10. Officers to sign and forward Synod's letter to Rev. W. A. Sunday, p. 122.

Item 11. Letters of sympathy by J. C. McFeeters to R. M. Sommerville; T. E. Graham to S. B. Houston; S. Edgar to W. P. Johnston; F. F. Reade to P. P. Boyd; H. G. Foster to D. C. Faris; G. M. Robb to J. R. W. Stevenson; W. C. Allen to G R. McBurney; W. M. Robb to R. E. Willson; J. M. Foster to J. R. Thompson; R. J. Dodds to John H. Pritchard.

Item 12. Report of Clerk on printing the Minutes.

Item 13. Report on correction of printed Minutes of 1916.

Item 14. Report of the Treasurer on sale of the Minutes.

Item 15. Committee to prepare a statement of the Scriptural and Covenanter position on the subject of Pre-Millennialism.

Item 16. Committee to prepare and publish a book entitled "The Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America."

Item 17. Committee to report on the advisability of revising the church music.

Item 18. Report of the committee to notify R. J. G. McKnight officially of his election as Seminary professor, to succeed D. B. Willson.

Item 19. Committee on Order of Business to provide for a conference on Secret Societies at next Synod.

Item 20. Letter of sympathy by D. B. Willson to J. M. Armour.

Item 21. Letter of sympathy and appreciation to the widow and son of the late Wm. Hogan. Thos. McFall. p. 40.

Item 22. E. K. Patton to communicate as clerk of the Mission Conference with the congregations indicated in the report of the Conference relative to matters specified.

Item 23. Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary to introduce courses in the English Bible in the Theological Seminary and College. p. 86.

G. A. EDGAR, Clerk
F. M. WILSON, Ass't. Clerk.

It was resolved:

That a Committee be appointed to interview the President of the United States or other officials in order to secure a modified oath of citizenship for members of foreign birth, and for service under the Government; the oath to be in substance as follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America."

The treasurer of Synod was instructed to sell the 1889 edition of the Psalter with music at the rate of fifty cents per copy.

The committee on Bible-Reading Folders reported. The appointment of a new committee was referred to the committee on Nominations. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE READING FOLDERS.

The Committee to prepare Bible Reading Folders would respectfully report:

The plan of last year was generally followed in the preparation of the folders for 1917, with a printing arrangement altered to aid the readers in following the progress of thought from day to day. A letter was sent to each pastor of the church and, where necessary, a second letter to the young people's society urging and explaining the use of the folders. In addition to keeping the readings short, special effort was made to insure a profitable study of the passages selected by definite suggestion of methods to be followed. A few articles introductory to special study of the books were prepared for publication in our church paper, according to direction of last Synod. A form of diploma was also secured to be given to those making a perfect record in reading for the year, but the printing of them was deferred till the close of the year should reveal how many are needed. It was also counted wise, in this first year of the operation of this plan to allow for one postponed reading per month, after the folders were received. The expense for printing and postage was $61.31, and $55.06 was received from sale of folders. Of the 3250 printed, 2753 were sold, about one hundred less than last year. The deficit of $6.25 was paid from the Literary Fund.

We recommend:

1. That the plan for awarding diplomas be carried out by the new committee.

2. That pastors seek by special lectures and public prayer to make the use of the folders more profitable to their congregations.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL COLEMAN, Chairman,
W. A. AIKIN,
N. PATTON.

The committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3 were adopted. Item 4 was amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND GENEVA COLLEGE.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College respectfully reports:

Three papers have been referred to us, the reports of the Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary, of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College, and of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

There are encouraging evidences of progress in our institutions of learning. Eight students have been in attendance at the Seminary during the past year and their work has been done with enthusiasm. We commend the efforts of the Seminary Professors and students in pressing the claims of the Christian Ministry upon the youth of the Church.

The attendance at the College shows marked increase. We are gratified to note the clearly expressed aim of President Martin for the deepening of the religious life of Geneva. We note the report of progress made in extending the course in the study of the English Bible. We also note the substantial evidence of interest in our College by the citizens of Beaver Valley in their contribution to meet the financial need of the college and the resulting considerable decrease in the indebtedness over last year.

We recommend:

1. That continued effort be made to improve moral and religious conditions in the College and to maintain an ever clearer atmosphere of intelligent loyalty to the distinctive testimony of the Covenanter Church.

2. That the Church at large be urged to devote itself more earnestly to prayer that more candidates for the Ministry may come forward, and also in behalf of the faculty and student body of the College.

3. That the Seminary Board be asked to give further consideration to the matter of introducing additional courses in the English Bible, with reference not only to our students of divinity, but also to workers in mission fields, and report to Synod next year.

4. That J. R. Steele, R. M. Sommerville and T. H. Acheson be chosen their own successors on the Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary, and that D. B. Wilson, Robert Park, and E. K. Patton be chosen as new members of the Board. Also that S. E. Greer be chosen his own successor on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

5. That R. C. Wylie and W. P. Johnston be heard in behalf of the Trustees of the College.

F. D. FRAZER, Chairman
THOS. McFALL,
I. A. BLACKWOOD,
J. T. HENSLEIGH,
W. J. ELLIOT.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report: The Session of the Seminary opened

this year on Tuesday, September 19th, with an address by Dr. McKnight on "Progress and Conservatism in Education".

The enrollment of students was as follows:

Third Year—Donald Bruce Martin.

Second Year—Charles Thompson Carson, John Knox Gault, Robert Wylie Redpath, Cameron Brooks Reed, Boyd Allen White.

First Year—Melville Kennedy Carson, Alvin Woodrow Smith.

The regular annual meeting of the Board was held on April 23rd and 24th. Examinations were conducted by the professors in Church History and Greek Exegesis. Also examination papers were submitted and reviewed covering the other subjects of study. Sermons were preached by the students. All of these exercises showed that good work is being done in the Seminary. Dr. McKnight has taken up his work this year with energy and enthusiasm, and his service is much appreciated by the students and by the Board.

Representatives of the Seminary are being appointed to visit the College, and bring to the attention of the students the claims of the Christian ministry, and of the Missionary and Reform work of the Church.

With regard to study courses in the English Bible, also correspondence and summer school courses, the Board reports that the study of the English Bible is already attended to in part in the present curriculum of study. The work of the Seminary Faculty cannot be extended far with the present force, and the students report that they already have all that they can do. Correspondence courses will be arranged, if there is a demand for them.

Two items concerning Finance the Board wishes to bring to the attention of Synod. On account of the expense of living in these present days, and the necessarily large expense of a teacher in keeping abreast with the times in his lines of study, the Board feels that the salary of the professors should be increased to at least $2500.00; and would so recommend to the Synod. Also the Library Fund being overdrawn, and there being need at present for extended additions to the library, we ask for an appropriation of $1000.00 for this Fund.

The time for which J.R. Steele, R. M. Sommerville and T. H. Acheson were elected has expired, and their successors should be chosen.

Respectfully,
W. J. COLEMAN, Pres. Protem.
McLEOD M. PEARCE, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF INCORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College submits its annual Report:

For full information as to the condition and work of Geneva College, we refer you to the annual report of the Board of Trustees transferred by this Board to Synod. We note with pleasure the following items:

1. The very liberal response of the people in the Beaver

Valley to the appeal made for funds to liquidate the debt incurred for current expenses and for improvements on building and grounds.

2. The largely increased attendance upon the College during the year. The number of new students being more than any previous year, the majority of these were from Churches other than the R. P., yet twenty-eight new students from our own Church were matriculated this year.

3. The adaptation of the College Course to the necessities of those who desire to prepare themselves for the duties of life. Especially we approve the increased attention given Bible study. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". The Book that teaches us this fear should have large place in our schools of learning.

4. The earnestness and devotion with which Pres. R. H. Martin and those associated with him have thrown their energies in this Department of Church work. This with the blessing of God gives great promise of increased influence and power on the part of the College.

We respectfully ask of the Church through Synod:

1st. That as far as possible the youth of the Church be sent to our own institution of learning. This appeal is emphasized by the trying times through which our country is passing. Many of our choicest young men will be called to service, but let us not forget that Christ calls for trained women and men to advance the interests of His Kingdom.

2nd. In view of the ever-increasing demands of the College, and also in view of the generous help given us by those living in the vicinity of the College we appeal to the members of the Church to come to the help of the Lord in securing the needed funds for the College work. We ask that the amount—$5000 requested by the Board of Trustees be named as the amount to be raised in the annual collection.

3rd. We ask the prayers of the whole Church on behalf of the management and on behalf of those who wait upon instruction.

4th. The time for which S. E. Greer was elected as Synodical member now expires, and his successor for three years should be elected at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT PARK, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR 1916-1917.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

Your Board of Trustees finds much encouragement in the record of the work of Geneva College for the year that is just closing. We believe that the work of the Lord is being done and that his hand is guiding in its accomplishment.

President Martin's intimate association with the administration of the college as Secretary of the Board of Trustees for many years made the step into the executive office an easy one. His knowledge of the affairs of the college was intimate; his interest in them was deep and his acquaintance with the members of the

faculty and with the students was already one of mutual appreciation and friendship.

President Martin has brought into the office his capacity for hard work, his patience, his good judgment and his knowledge of men and affairs which had made him the acknowledged leader of the Christian forces of Beaver County.

Prof. A. A. Johnston and Miss Evangeline Metheny are also new members of the faculty. They have done their part well in the assigned work and have also added much to the college spirit and to the religious life of the students. Miss Metheny resides at the dormitory and has oversight of the girls rooming there.

The attendance—one of the evidences of efficient management—has increased.

The enrollment in the

School of Liberal Arts is.....199, an increase of 30 per cent
Music Department .....135, an increase of 26 per cent
Public Speaking Department..... 25, an increase of 25 per cent
Art Department ..... 19, an increase of 58 per cent

The net total attendance in all departments was 546, including those enrolled in the Summer Normal school. Ninety-three (93) new students matriculated. Their church connection was as follows: The Reformed Presbyterian Church was represented by twenty-eight; the Presbyterian by nineteen; the Methodist Episcopal by fourteen; the United Presbyterian by eleven; the Baptist by five; the Christian by five; the Methodist Protestant by three; the Roman Catholic by three; the Lutheran by two; the Moravian, the Episcopalian and the Reformed, each by one.

The faculty reports that the "spirit of the students has been commendable." There is a bond of loyalty that holds all elements together and makes faithful work a matter of easy accomplishment.

The work in the class room has been of a high standard. The honor of Geneva has been upheld by orators and debaters. Mr. Robert S. Stewart (son of Missionary J. S. Stewart) won Geneva's third successive victory in the Tri-State Oratorical Association, winning against five other colleges. This makes three "firsts" and two "seconds" in the last five years. In debates, we won two and lost four. In Athletics, the season was not so successful as usual, but the spirit was always good and a manly bearing was maintained by the students.

There have been of necessity some distractions caused by the excitement and uncertainties of the Great War. Nearly a score of students have left school to engage in agriculture. A number of others have enlisted but have not, as yet, been called to the colors. Spring Athletics were discontinued and military training was substituted. Three patriotic services were held. At these, the purpose for which Geneva was founded was eloquently and clearly set forth, until both students and teachers could echo the sentiment expressed by one of the professors, who is not a Covenanter, that one ought to be proud to labor in a college holding such ideals.

An effort to maintain and improve the moral and religious conditions in the college has been made. A Sabbath morning class in Bible has been conducted by Prof. Johnston and Miss Metheny. The students hold an evening prayer meeting. The Y. W. C. A.

is in good condition. The Y. M. C. A. is not quite so active but has many earnest and energetic members.

Rev. R. A. Blair, representing the Foreign Mission Board, spoke to the students several times and held conferences with a number of them.

Dr. F. M. Wilson, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, gave an address in the college auditorium last Sabbath evening. Dr. Isaac T. Headland also gave an inspiring address earlier in the year.

President Martin in report to the Trustees, says: "Our students are moral, most of them are religious. One of the things that we most desire is the deepening of the religious life at Geneva. This cannot be forced. Outward rules and regulations can accomplish little. It can be brought about only by creating an atmosphere that will lead students voluntarily to perform their religious duties and give themselves to the ministry and other forms of Christian work. In addition to prayer and effort on our part, I believe, that the bringing to Geneva three or four times a year of men of the highest intellectual ability and deepest religious convictions and purposes to address the students will help much to bring about what we desire."

Progress has been made in adding to and modifying the curriculum to meet present day needs. The semester system with hour periods for recitation and a new system of credits bring us into line with other colleges. The grouping of studies makes the course more elastic, allows students to elect studies which look toward the profession which they expect to follow. It makes it easy also for a student who has reached his Junior or Senior year before deciding upon his profession to select, still, studies which he will need and does not have. For illustration, one who decides at a late hour to enter the ministry and who has not taken Greek may under this new system elect Greek in his Junior and Senior years and graduate ready for the seminary.

The new arrangement also gives better opportunity for that distinctive work for which the college was established. The Bible course has been extended and will probably be still further extended, while the course in Political Philosophy has been increased to cover a full year. The classes in these subjects are under President Martin.

Better business methods have been introduced in the conducting of the college office. Tuition is collected promptly. The purchase of equipment and supplies is supervised. Bills are carefully checked and students' credits for college work are recorded for ready reference.

The Beaver Valley Campaign for $50,000, for use in eliminating the college debt and the providing of funds for needed improvements was successfully conducted. The money has been pledged and some $19,000.00 already paid in. We believe that the campaign has been useful in advertising and popularizing the college in the Beaver Valley as well as in giving it financial aid.

The fact that the church at large has not responded in like manner to this "help" call of the college seems to give evidence that her interest in this branch of the church's work is lagging.

Must the support of the future come more and more from local friends of the college and more liberal friends outside of our own church?

An inspection of the treasurer's annual report reveals the following: The endowment now stands at about $207,500, an increase of $1,000.00 over last year.

The college holds in real estate and stocks which may be converted into cash and credited to the current expense account but which at the present are yielding profitable dividends about $9,500. The sum of these items plus $1,500, supporting annual prizes for superior college work brings the total of revenue producing funds to about $218,500.00.

The income of the year was about $50,000.00 as compared with $28,000 last year. The increase of $22,000 is made up chiefly by $3,000.00 increase in tuition receipts and $19,000.00 in redeemed pledges of the $50,000 campaign.

The expenses of the year were about $35,000.00 as against $33,000.00 last year. Salaries (including Summer School teachers) were $3,000.00 more. Coal and other supplies and expenses a like amount, while charges for repairs were reduced over $4,000.00. High prices are responsible largely for the increase in the cost of supplies and the good condition of the buildings and grounds for the reduction in the cost of repairs. The current expense account now stands over-drawn about $13,500 as against $28,500.00 a year ago.

The balance in the other accounts has changed but little. The overdraft on the Science Hall and its equipment is now about $12,000.00 and about $9,000.00 is still due on endowment notes. The total of all these over-drafts reaches about $34,500.00. Last year it was $49,000.00.

The above, in view of the fact that there is yet due some 30,000.00 on the campaign pledges, a large percentage of which is good, is encouraging. It is our hope that next year's report will show but little indebtedness. This hope is in part based on a confidence that the church at large will respond as congregations and as individuals and yet do her part toward the complete elimination of the debt of her college and the placing of it on a firm financial standing.

The Board asks for the usual annual appropriation of $5,000 by the Synod.

Dr. R. C. Wylie and Dr. W. P. Johnston have been appointed to represent the college on the floor of Synod.

Signed,

R. C. WYLIE,
President of Board of Trustees.

R. M. PEARCE, Secretary.

Date June 8, 1917.

R. J. G. McKnight tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was accepted.

The committee on Finance reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3 were adopted. Item 4 was amended and adopted. Items

5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 were adopted. Item 14 was amended and adopted. The ballot required by Item 15 was cast. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report the following disposition of the items referred to us: We would recommend,

1. That the reports of Treasurer, Jos. M. Steele, which were received with the audit sheet, also the Treasurer's reports of Synod's Board of Trustees and of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association be published in the Minutes of Synod.

2. That the $606.60 in the Treasury of the Board of Sustentation be transferred to the Domestic Mission account.

3. That $40.00 be paid out of the Literary fund to the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

4. That with reference to the increase of salary for the Seminary professors, that the salary be made $2500 per annum beginning May 1, 1917.

5. That the $3,000 of the Miss Margaret F. Edgar bequest be distributed as follows:

Aged Peoples' Home	$ 500.00
Aged Ministers Fund	500.00
Geneva College	500.00
Domestic Mission	1,000.00
Seminary Library Fund	250.00
Jewish Mission	250.00

6. That the Evangelistic Committee be authorized to draw upon the treasury to the amount of $200.

7. That the Clerk of Synod be authorized to publish 1500 copies of the Minutes of Synod and that these be placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for sale at the usual price.

8. That the Central Board pay to the Aid-receiving congregations of Iowa Presbytery the $150.00 ordered paid out of the Orr Fund of the Iowa Presbytery.

9. That the sum of $200 be appropriated from the Domestic Mission Fund to J. R. W. Stevenson, owing to special Providences in his home.

10. That the Secretary of Young Peoples' Societies be authorized to draw on the literary fund to the extent of $75.00.

11. That Synod take up the recommendations of the Mission Conference item by item for adoption.

12. That the appropriations recommended by the Mission Conference be adopted with the exception of Billings which shall read "$400", and that the Congregation be requested and earnestly urged to increase the salary by 20 per cent."

13. That the following schedule of appropriations be adopted:

June 3rd Sabbath, Literary Fund	$ 500.00
June 4th Sabbath, Aged Ministers	2,500.00
July 1st Sabbath, Widows and Orphans	2,000.00
July 3rd Sabbath, Aged Peoples Home	1,500.00

August 1st Sabbath, Theological Seminary	2,000.00
August 3rd Sabbath, Jewish Mission	3,500.00
September 1st Sabbath, Southern Mission	6,500.00
September 3rd Sabbath, Indian Mission	6,500.00
October 1st Sabbath, Domestic Mission	15,000.00
November 3rd Sabbath, Temperance	1,500.00
December 1st Sabbath, Syrian	25,000.00
January 1st Sabbath, China	30,000.00
February 1st Sabbath, Witness Bearing	8,500.00
March 1st Sabbath, Geneva College	5,000.00
April 1st Sabbath, Church Erection	2,000.00

14. That the salary of the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees be advanced to $2500 per annum.

15. That the clerk of Synod be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for John M. Allen, Wm. Blair, and Oliver Wylie to be their own successors on Synod's Board of Trustees for a term of three years ending June 15, 1920.

D. H. ELLIOT, Chairman
E. L. McKNIGHT,
C. A. DODDS,
R. A. M. STEELE,
T. H. MARTIN.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

To the Moderator and Members Reformed Presbyterian Synod.

Dear Brethren:—We herewith submit our annual Report, together with that of your Treasurer, for the year ending April 30th, 1917.

James A. McAteer, James H. McBurney and James S. Tibby elected by you to serve on the Board for three years to June 15th, 1919 accepted their appointment.

The following Bequests were received: Robert McFarland, Utica, O., Southern Mission $75.54, Indian Mission $75.54, Sarah J. McKnight, Mercer, Pa., Domestic Mission $272.40, John R. Lyons Marissa, Ill., Selma, Alab., Miss. $100.00, Mrs. Mary J. Kyle, Bakerstown, Pa., China Mission $125.00, Syrian Mission $125.00, on account. Joseph G. McConnell, Belle Center, O., Syrian Mission $4,757.81, China Mission $4,757.81, National Reform $4,757.81, Domestic Mission $967.07, total $15,240.50, Mrs. Helena Hawthorne, Hopkinton, Iowa, Selma, Alab. Mission $1,332.40. Turkey Mission $1,332.40. In all $18,678.78.

Donations were received viz.—A. E. and Eda E. Hosack, Grove City, Pa., $2,000.00, the synodical interest for Home and Foreign Missions. J. W. and J. E. Turner, Cunningham, Wash., $2,000.00, the synodical interest for Home and Foreign Mission. J. R. and A. K. Lee, Clarinda, Iowa, $2,000.00 the synodical interest for Home and Foreign Missions. M. M. and Marg. Black, Clarinda, Iowa, $2,000.00, the synodical interest for Home and Foreign Missions. Rev. David and Mrs. M. E. McKee, Clarinda, Iowa, $10,000.00, the synodical interest for Southern, Indian, Jewish Missions, Theological Seminary, Witness Bearing and Geneva Col-

lege. Mrs. M. E. and Eda S. E. McKee, Clarinda, Iowa, and N. S. Pittsburg, Pa., $12,000.00, the synodical interest to support a woman physician in China. McKeesport and Monongahela congregation $2,370.00, five per cent interest for the support of Connellsville, Pa., congregation, together with the Mortgage interest at same rate on the $6,000.00 Mortgage received from the sale of the church property. If the McKeesport and Monongahela congregation resume work within twenty years above funds to be returned, otherwise to be distributed by the Synod. Total amount of Donations $38,370.00.

The aggregate amount of Bonds, Mortgages, Notes and Real Estate under our care is $694,165.81. Out of the earnings for the year, a dividend of 5½ per cent was declared on Endowments of $450,612.27. The total earnings of the Office were $37,198.88. The expenses of the Office amounted to $2,608.25.

The Books and Accounts were audited by H. A. Stout, Public Auditor and found correct as per Certificate attached to the Report of the Treasurer.

The term for which John M. Allen, William Blair and Oliver Wylie were made members of the Board will expire June 15th, 1917. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law.

On December 26th, 1916, Dr. D. C. Martin, a member of the Board, entered into his rest. He had served faithfully on the board for over ten years. We would express our high regard for his faithfulness and abundant service. We will miss his counsel and judgment in our deliberations. On February 22nd. 1917, Mr. Robert M. Young, of the Parnassus, Pa., congregation was elected to fill his unexpired term on the Board.

James S. Tibby, with Oliver Wylie as alternate, was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Secretary.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 1st, 1917.

Endowment Funds.

Geneva College	$207,553.25
Mrs. S. J. Steele, for Geneva College	1,000.00
J. Hays Euwer, for Geneva College	600.00
Theological Seminary	69,738.75
Students' Aid	16,711.88
Foreign Missions	49,633.43
Domestic Mission	32,111.30
Sustentation	100.00
Southern Mission	5,481.28
China Mission	637.50
Indian Mission	2,000.00
Miss Joanna R. Speer, for Indian Mission	471.88
Aged Ministers	13,878.52
James and Mary J. Carlisle, for Aged Min.	500.00
Widows and Children	6,770.02
Church Erection	3,400.00

Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee	30,000.00
David G. McKee	1,000.00
John A. McKee	1,000.00
James R. McKee	3,000.00
Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee	3,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McClurkin	100.00
Ryegate and Barnet, Vt. congregations	850.00
Brooklyn, N. Y., congregation	4,867.80
Iowa Presbytery	700.00
McKeesport and Monongahela congregations	2,370.00
Wilkinsburg congregation	500.00
American Bible Society	50.00
St. John, Can., congregation	2,700.00
Hugh Robinson	3,050.23
Mrs. Annis L. Ferguson	200.00
David Gladstone	977.75
Mars, Pa., congregation	1,200.00
Adamsville, Pa., congregation	367.12
Belle Center, O., congregation	1,000.00
David Gregg Mortgage Fund	157,015.73
Mortgage Fund	403,994.03
Total Funds receiving 5½ per cent	450,612.27

David Gregg Mortgage Fund.

May 1, 1916, balance		$156,096.44
Mortgages taken		8,000.00
		$164,096.44
Mortgages paid		6,125.00
May 1, 1917, balance		$157,971.44

David Gregg Mortgage Interest.

Interest received		$ 9,491.10
Charge Account for services	$ 474.55	
Foreign Missions received	3,306.05	
Domestic Missions received	2,103.85	
Sustentation received	601.10	
Church Erection received	601.11	
Theological Seminary received	601.11	
Southern Mission received	601.11	
Widows and Children received	601.11	
Central Alleg. congn. received	601.11	
		9,491.10

Regular Mortgage Fund.

May 1, 1916, balance	$370,334.13
Mortgages taken	72,700.00
	$443,034.13
Mortgages paid	39,040.10
May 1, 1917, balance	$403,994.03

Interest Fund.

Receipts from Mortgages, Notes, Rents	$ 27,707.78

Expenditures.

Dividends and Interest	$26,352.24	
Share of Office expenses	1,289.62	
Notary Fee	1.00	
Balance of profits to Contingent Account	64.92	
		27,707.78

Expenses Account.

Supplies and Expenses	$ 129.57	
Rent	300.00	
Phone	57.83	
Auditor	42.75	
Bond of Treasurer	25.00	
Clerk Hire	43.75	
Salary of Treasurer	2,000.00	
Insurance	9.35	
		2,608.25

Above Expenses distributed as follows:

Sundry Account	$ 29.00	
Indian Mission	180.55	
Theological Seminary	206.34	
Southern Mission	206.34	
Domestic Mission	335.30	
Geneva College	361.10	
Interest Account	1,289.62	
		2,608.25

Cash Account.

May 1, 1916, balance		$ 6,874.66
Receipts		221,773.58
		$228,648.24
Expenditures		205,333.26
May 1, 1917, balance		23,314.98

Contingent Fund.

May 1, 1916 balance of profits		$ 4,144.92
Balance of profits for 1917 transferred		64.92
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 4,209.84

Geneva College Notes.

May 1, 1916, balance		$ 10,060.13
Notes paid		880.00
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 9,180.13

Science Hall Building Fund.

May 1, 1916, balance overdrawn		$ 8,622.98

Expenditures.

Interest on overdraft		517.38
May 1, 1917, balance overdrawn		9,140.36

Science Hall Equipment Fund.

May 1, 1916, balance overdrawn		$ 1,683.04
Receipts.		
Contributions for Apparatus		350.00
		$ 1,333.04
Expenditures.		
Apparatus and Fixtures	$1,258.25	
Interest on overdraft	106.80	1,365.05
May 1, 1917, balance overdrawn		$ 2,698.09

Beaver Valley Financial Campaign.

Receipts.

Pledges paid		$ 22,100.00
Expenditures.		
Expenses ..	$ 3,150.00	
Balance to Current Account	18,950.00	22,100.00

Geneva College Current Account.

May 1, 1916, balance overdrawn		$ 28,353.51
Receipts.		
Congs. Indiv. Societies	$ 1,792.86	
Robert Clarke	2,081.45	
W. P. Johnston	95.00	
Interest on Notes	86.02	
Tuition, Rents, etc.	13,956.13	
Dividends ..	11,762.59	
Beaver Valley Campaign fund	18,950.00	
Hunter Bros. Bond proceeds	475.19	
Staunton, Ill., church lots	300.00	49,499.24
		$ 21,145.73
Expenditures.		
Salaries ..	$22,603.27	
Expenses Robert Clarke	488.18	
Oratorical Association	113.25	
Athletics ..	888.50	
Office ..	356.34	
Advertisement ..	132.61	
General Expenses	669.18	
Supplies ..	6,053.39	
Repairs ..	393.04	
Interest on overdraft	1,676.31	
Interest on Notes	602.28	
Synod's Board for services	361.10	
Library expenses	375.58	34,713.03
May 1, 1917, balance overdrawn		$ 13,567.30

Witness Bearing Fund.

May 1, 1916, balance		$ 1,087.21
Receipts.		
Congs, Indiv. Societies		2,251.98
		$ 3,339.19
Expenditures.		
Printing	$939.40	
Postage, etc.	988.69	
Stenographer	315.37	
Salaries of Lecturers	561.30	2,804.76
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 534.43

Domestic Mission.

May 1, 1916, balance overdrawn		$ 1,178.07
Receipts.		
Congs. Indiv. Societies	$5,032.06	
Miss Marg. Edgar Bequest	799.00	
Miss Sarah J. McKnight Bequest	272.40	
Jos. G. McConnell Bequest	967.07	
Sustentation Fund	595.40	
Staunton, Ill. church lots	400.00	
Dividends	4,146.35	12,212.28
		$ 11,034.21
Expenditures.		
Presbyteries Colorado $115.00, Illinois $490.79, Iowa $575.90, Kansas $1115.58, New York $1,258.09, Ohio $1,507.25, Pacific Coast $2,839.53 Pittsburg $2,129.09, Rochester $399.96, N. B. and N. S. $473.99; total	$10,905.18	
Interest on overdraft	155.35	
Evangelistic Comm.	48.67	
Printing	17.00	
Secretary	50.00	
Synod's Board	335.30	11,511.50
May 1, balance overdrawn		$ 477.29

Indian Mission.

May 1, 1916, balance		$ 1,744.39
Receipts.		
W. M. S. Pitts. Presbytery	$1,000.00	
Robert McFarland Bequest additional	75.54	
Local receipts per W. W. Carithers	1,377.76	
Congs. Indiv. Societies	2,823.44	
Dividends	135.95	5,412.69
		$ 7,157.08

Expenditures.

Local expenses W. W. Carithers	$3,490.33	
Insurance	189.00	
R. R. Fare of Workers	98.77	
Synod's Board	180.55	
Salaries	4,045.00	8,003.65
May 1, 1917, balance overdrawn		$ 846.57

Southern Mission.

May 1, 1916, balance	$ 628.33

Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies	$3,258.94	
Robert McFarland Bequest	75.54	
Miss Marg. Edgar Bequest	400.00	
John R. Lyons Bequest	100.00	
Marg. J. White Bequest	10.00	
Helena Hawthorne Bequest	1,332.40	
Local Receipts G. A. Edgar	3,338.16	
Dividends	902.58	
Staunton, Ill. church lots	300.00	9,717.62
		$ 10,345.95

Expenditures.

R. R. Fare of Workers	$ 196.26	
Synod's Board	206.34	
Insurance	195.50	
Local expenses G. A. Edgar	2,369.97	
Sundry items	1.10	
Salaries	6,497.75	9,466.92
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 879.03

Temperance.

May 1, 1916, balance	$ 597.81

Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies	$717.81	
Local Receipts W. W. Carithers	20.65	738.46
		$ 1,336.27

Expenditures.

Local expenses W. W. Carithers	$939.03	
Mimeograph	60.00	
Stickers on account	117.15	1,116.18
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 220.09

Theological Seminary.

May 1, 1916, balance	$ 6,181.01

Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies	$ 948.69	
David Gregg Dividend	601.11	

Regular Dividend	3,835.63	
Ryegate and Barnet Dividend	17.88	
Balance of Memorial Bldg. transferred	275.95	5,679.26
		$ 11,860.27

Expenditures.

Trav. expenses of Board	$ 51.46	
Expenses handling funds	206.34	
Overdraft of Library Fund	136.28	
R. C. Wylie order 1916 Synod	500.00	
Salary—D. B. Willson	1,083.29	
R. C. Wylie	1,666.60	
R. J. G. McKnight	1,166.62	
G. M. Sleeth	435.00	
W. A. Lafferty	81.00	5,326.59
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 6,533.68

Theological Seminary Library

May 1, 1916, balance		$ 87.48

Expenditures.

Binding Books	$ 9.35	
Cleaning Books	15.28	
Rack for Magazines	20.00	
Printing, etc.	12.35	
Magazines	40.32	
Books	126.46	223.76
		$ 136.28
Overdraft transferred to Seminary account		136.28

Memorial Building Rent Account.
Receipts.

Rent from Park Institute	$800.00	
Fire Escape Park Institute balance	91.50	891.50

Expenditures.

Supplies	$ 38.14	
Cleaning floors	10.00	
Gas	42.53	
Taxes	271.66	
Repairs	157.22	
Insurance	96.00	
Balance to Seminary Account	275.95	891.50

Students' Aid Fund.

May 1, 1916, balance		$ 2,384.88

Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies	$ 15.55	
Dividend	919.15	934.70
		$ 3,319.58

Expenditures.

Melville K. Carson	$250.00	
Charles T. Carson	250.00	
R. Wylie Redpath	200.00	
Cameron B. Reed	150.00	
John K. Gault	240.00	
Boyd A. White	300.00	
S. E. Greer 1-3 Secy's expenses	1.67	1,391.67
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 1,927.91

Aged Minister's Fund.

May 1, 1916, balance		$ 974.98

Receipts.

Staunton, Ill., Cong. lots	$300.00	
Congs. Indiv. Societies	892.48	
Dividends ..	955.82	2,148.30
		$ 3,123.28

Expenditures.

I. A. Blackwood	$400.00	
J. M. Armour	300.00	
T. C. Sproull	300.00	
P. P. Boyd	350.00	
T. J. Allen	100.00	
S. E. Greer, 1-3 Secy's expenses	1.66	1,451.66
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 1,671.62

Widows and Children Deceased Ministers.

May 1, 1916, balance		$ 1,740.58

Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies	$ 698.72	
Dividends ..	1,248.46	1,947.18
		$ 3,687.76

Expenditures.

Mrs. Myrta M. Dodds	$450.00	
Mrs. Agnes C. Wilson	200.00	
Mrs. D. H. Coulter	200.00	
Mrs. D. S. Faris	350.00	
Mrs. Louis Meyer	400.00	
Mrs. Nancy Reid	200.00	
Mrs. Sarah Clyde	150.00	
Miss Anna B. George	175.00	
Miss Martha Cannon	175.00	
Miss Juliet Cannon	150.00	
Miss Juliet McDonald	150.00	
S. E. Greer, 1-3 Secy's expenses	1.67	2,601.67
May 1, 1917, balance		$ 1,086.09

Financial Report of the Literary Fund.

May 1, 1916, balance overdrawn	$ 406.85

Receipts.

222 copies 1912 cloth covered Psalters	$165.33	
34 copies 1912 half leather Psalters	51.00	
181 copies 1912 small without music	63.35	
210 copies 1912 Psalm selections	31.50	
86 copies 1889 double Psalters	74.83	
37 copies Testimonies	14.80	
7 copies Disciplines	2.80	
13 copies Catechisms	1.30	
24 copies Manuals	2.40	
72 copies Hand Books for Young Christians	7.20	
12 copies 1915 Bible Readings	20	
2 copies Members Certificates	50	
4 copies Elders Certificates	1.00	
16 copies Old Minutes	2.45	
3 copies McKnight non-cover Pre-Millennial	30	
17 copies McKnight paper cover Pre-Millennial	2.55	
Collections from congregations	664.25	1,085.76
		$ 678.91

Expenditures.

1915 Trav. Fund	$ 6.37	
Sys. Benef. Comm. 1916 Synod	7.85	
Hammond Typewriter Co., paper	1.20	
T. R. Hawkes Co., Order of Business	7.00	
Cut of the Moderator	2.00	
Printing 1916 Minutes	320.00	
Postage, Expressage, Sale of Books	40.00	
Appropriation Alliance Reformed Churches	40.00	
Young People's Comm. expenses	7.85	
Tithe Committee	37.83	
Miscellaneous	18.79	
1916 Appropriation Blanks	12.00	500.89
May 1, balance		$ 178.02

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A. to audit the Accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that I have examined the Accounts, Cash in Banks and find same correct as per Report to the 1917 Synod.

H. A. STOUT, Auditor.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 2nd, 1917.

REPORT OF JOSEPH M. STEELE, TREASURER

Statement of Balances in Funds, April 30, 1917

Board of Foreign Missions:		
Syrian Hospital Fund	$5,141.88	
Mersine Hospital Fund	5,226.15	
Latakia Church Building Fund	2,693.57	
Latakia Dwelling Building Fund	3,326.07	
Tarsus Building Fund	5,004.49	
David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund	1,955.56	
Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund	3,259.35	
Semi-Centennial Fund	567.09	
Rev. D. J. Shaw Foreign Mission Fund	3,139.75	
China Missions, General Fund	8,726.77	
Syrian Missions, Special Fund	1,327.37	
Cyprus Missions, Special Fund	72.00	
China Missions, Special Fund	370.21	
	$40,810.26	
Jewish Mission Board	730.42	
Board of Church Erection	7,212.98	
Olive Trees Account	526.54	
Other Treasurers	2.00	
	$49,282.20	
Advances made for Missionaries:		
Rev. J. S. Stewart, Latakia $100.00		
Rev. A. J. McFarland, Mersine 4.77		
Rev. W. McCarroll, Larnaca 6.00	110.77	
Total,		$ 49,171.43
Deposited as follows:		
*Brown Bros. & Co., Philadelphia	$31,701.48	
Central National Bank, Philadelphia	11,501.85	
Bank of North America, Philadelphia	5,968.10	49,171.43

*Includes deposit May 8, 1917, $20,116.25.

Philadelphia, June 8, 1917.

Joseph M. Steele, Esq., Treasurer,
30 So. 15th Street,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we have audited the accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Jewish Mission Board, and the Board of Church Erection of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church of North America, from May 1, 1916 to April 30, 1917, and

WE CERTIFY that the annexed statement of balances in the various funds at April 30, 1917, has been properly prepared from the books and in our opinion is correct.

Yours very truly,
PRICE, WATERHOUSE & COMPANY.

JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

Receipts.

Congregations ..	$1,875.77	
Sabbath Schools and Societies	688.47	
Individuals ..	691.41	
		3,255.65
Discount on purchases	$ 21	
Sale of bags	19.50	19.71
Bequests and Legacies:		
Margaret Edgar	300.00	3,575.36
Disbursements:		
Salaries ..	2,105.00	
Mission Expense	900.34	3,005.34
		$ 570.02
Balance, May 1, 1916		160.40
		$ 730.42

JOS. M. STEELE.

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

RECEIPTS:		
Congregations ..	$1,145.10	
Sabbath Schools and Societies	38.47	
Individuals ..	32.75	
	$1,216.32	
Dividends:		
D. Gregg	601.11	
Repayments of Loans:		
Youngstown, Ohio, Congr on ground..	1,500.00	
Youngstown, Ohio, Congr, on building	1,400.00	
Staunton, Ill., Congr. on ground	500.00	
Beaver Falls, Pa., Congr, on Mortgage	200.00	
Interest on balances	150.15	5,567.58
Loans on Mortgages:		
Winnipeg, Manitoba	3,000.00	
Bellefontaine, Ohio	200.00	
Coldenham, New York	1,500.00	
Hebron, Kansas	450.00	5,150.00
		$ 417.58
Balance, May 1, 1916		6,795.40
		$ 7,212.98

JOS. M. STEELE.

SYRIAN HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916		$ 4,671.02
Receipts.		
Support of beds	$120.00	

For General Use	125.00	
Bequests ..	120.00	
Interest on account	105.86	470.86
		$ 5,141.88

MERSINE HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916		$ 4,351.18
Receipts.		
Support of beds	$160.00	
For general use	524.50	
Bequests ..	80.00	
Interest on account	110.47	874.97
		$ 5,226.15

LATAKIA CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916	$ 2,634.31
Interest on account	59.26
	$ 2,693.57

LATAKIA DWELLING BUILDING FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916	$ 3,252.89
Interest on account	73.18
	$ 3,326.07

TARSUS BUILDING FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916	$ 4,894.37
Interest on account	110.12
	$ 5,004.49

DAVID OLIVER BROWN MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916	$ 1,912.53
Interest on account	43.03
	$ 1,955.56

HARRY LAMPHEAR MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916	$ 170.90
Transferred to China Mission, General Fund	170.90

ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916	$ 3,187.64
Interest on account	71.71
	$ 3,259.35

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916	$ 579.63
Interest on account	12.46
	$ 592.09
Contribution to Garden City Conference, 1917	25.00
	$ 567.09

REV. D. J. SHAW FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1916		$ 5.789.90
Interest on account		130.26
		$ 5,920.16
Transferred to Levant Mission, General Fund to pay deficit for year ending April 30, 1917		2,780.41
		$ 3,139.75

LEVANT (SYRIAN) MISSION, GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Congregations	$10,455.34	
Sabbath Schools and Societies	1,334.40	
Individuals	977.76	12,767.50
Bequests and Legacies:		
Est. Robert McFarland	$ 151.06	
J. G. McConnell	4,757.81	
Margaret Edgar	250.00	
Mrs. M. I. Kyle	125.00	
Mrs. H. Hawthorne	1,332.40	6,616.27
Dividends:		
D. Gregg	$ 1,653.02	
D. G. McKee	27.50	
Rev. D. and M. E. McKee	307.50	
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee	25.00	
J. R. McKee	27.50	
Hugh Robinson	41.94	
Through J. S. Tibby (no detail)	1,364.92	3,447.38
		$ 22,831.15
Balance, May 1, 1916		1,266.79
		$ 24,097.94

Disbursements:

Syria (Latakia and Suadia) Stations—			
Salaries	$4,905.00		
Mission Expense	5,670.09	10,575.09	
Asia Minor (Tarsus) Station—			
Salaries	5,330.00		
Mission Expense	3,681.75		
Rent of Building, Mersine	1,250.00	10,261.75	
Cyprus Station—			
Salaries	3,695.00		
Mission Expense	1,486.81		
Traveling	859.70	6,041.51	26,878.35
Expenses		26,878.35	
Receipts		24,097.94	2,780.41

Transferred from Rev. D. J. Shaw Foreign Mission Fund			2,780.41

CHINA MISSION, GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Congregations	$14,333.31		
Sabbath Schools and Societies	1,175.37		
Individuals	1,530.43	17,039.11	
Salaries returned:			
Rev. E. C. Mitchell	166.66		
D. Ray Taggart	555.00	721.66	
Collections by Missionaries:			
Rev. W. M. Robb	200.00		
Miss Rose A. Houston	40.79	240.79	
Bequests and Legacies:			
Est. Robert McFarland	151.06		
J. G. McConnell	4,757.81		
Margaret Edgar	250.00		
Mrs. M. I. Kyle	125.00	5,283.87	
Dividends:			
Est. H. H. George	70.00		
D. Gregg	1,653.03		
D. G. McKee	27.50		
Rev. D. and M. E. McKee	102.50		
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee	25.00		
J. R. McKee	27.50		
Hugh Robinson	41.94		
Through J. S. Tibby (No detail)	1,364.92	3,312.39	
Harry Lamphear Fund, Transferred by order of Board, May 16, 1916		170.90	26,768.72

Disbursements.

Salaries	$12,355.00		
Mission Expense	2,001.81		
Traveling	2,940.56	17,297.37	
Purchase of building sites		2,800.00	20,097.37
			$ 6,671.35
Balance, May 1, 1916			2,055.42
			$ 8,726.77

SYRIA MISSION, SPECIAL FUND.

Receipts.

Famine Relief Fund	$5,049.25
Support and Education	195.11

Discretion of Missionaries	91.75	
Bible Woman	25.00	
	$5,361.11	
Balance, May 1, 1916	988.24	6,349.35
Cash forwarded to Mission		5,021.98
		$ 1,327.37

ASIA MINOR, SPECIAL FUND.

Receipts.

Famine Relief Fund	$4,442.72	
Support and Education	81.50	
Discretion of Missionaries	31.75	
	$4,555.97	
Balance, May 1, 1916	457.28	5,013.25
Cash forwarded to Mission		$ 5,013.25

CYPRUS MISSION, SPECIAL FUND.

Receipts,

Education and Support	$ 72.00	
Balance, May 1, 1916	40.00	112.00
Cash forwarded to Mission		40.00
		$ 72.00

CHINA MISSION, SPECIAL FUND.

Support and Education	$1,010.62	
Special purposes	495.00	
Discretion of Missionaries	38.00	
	$1,543.62	
Balance, May 1, 1916	253.76	1,797.38
		1,427.17
		$ 370.21

ADVANCES FOR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. J. S. Stewart, Latakia	$ 100.00	
Rev. A. J. McFarland, Mersine	4.77	
Rev. W. McCarroll, Larnaca	6.00	110.77

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S EXPENSE.

Secretary's expense	$ 275.00	
Audit	50.00	
Treasurer's Bond	50.00	
Stationery and Postage	56.43	
Missionary Education Movement	12.00	
Copies of Minutes	7.00	
Westminster Press	2.50	452.93

OLIVE TREES ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

		$ 1,509.33

Disbursements.

Ludwig Printing House	$ 785.78	
Rapid Addressing Machine Company	98.04	
Expense, R. A. Blair	428.08	
Paper Purchased	94.36	1,406.26
		$ 103.07
Balance, May 1, 1916		423.47
		$ 526.54

COMPARATIVE REPORT

	1916		1917	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
Levant Missions, General Fund	25732.70	24192.37	25611.56	26606.58
China Missions, General Fund	14571.99	12714.19	26768.72	19916.21
Syria Missions, Special Fund	2926.82	1938.58	5361.11	5021.98
Asia Minor Missions, Special Fund	3117.28	2660.00	4555.97	5013.25
Cyprus Missions,	60.00	20.00	72.00	40.00
China Missions,	2063.02	1809.26	1543.62	1427.17
Jewish Missions,	3335.65	4065.66	3575.36	3005.34
Church Erection	3134.56		5567.58	5150.00
Olive Trees,	1033.60	1167.32	1509.33	1406.26
Latakia Hospital	492.56		470.86	
Mersine Hospital	684.29		874.97	
Latakia Church Fund	51.65		59.26	
Latakia Dwelling Fund	63.78		73.18	
Tarsus Building Fund,	95.99		110.12	
D. O. Brown Fund	37.50	.	43.03	
Harry Lamphear Fund	3.35			170.90
I. S. Martin Fund	62.50		71.71	
Semi-Centennial Fund	11.36	10.00	12.46	25.00
Rev. D. J. Shaw Fund	113.53	.	130.26	2780.41
Sec'y and Treas. expense		455.89		452.93
Adv for Missionaries		54.00	54.00	110.77
	57592.13	49087.27	76465.10	71126.80
Other Treasurers, bal			2.00	
			76467.10	
Receipts in excess		8504.86		5340 30
		$57592.13		$76467.10
Balance, May 1, 1916			43831.13	
Net Receipts, 1917			5340.30	49171.43
Deposited as follows:				
Brown Brothers and Co.			31701.48	

Central National Bank	11501.85	
Bank of North America	5968.10	49171.43

JOS. M. STEELE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION

Your Board would respectfully report:—

Business Transacted.

September 12, 1916, the congregation of Winnipeg, Canada, was granted $3000.00 to assist in building a new church. Plans and specifications were submitted to the Board.

Description of the building: Architecture, plain. Foundation, stone. Superstructure, brick. Size, 52½ feet x 27½ feet. Cost, $4600.00. Cost of lot, $1400.00. This church has been completed, and the congregation has been worshiping in it for some time.

On the same date, above mentioned, the congregation of Coldenham, New York, was granted $1500.00 to aid in remodeling their church building. This work is in progress and it is expected to be completed within a few months.

Coldenham is renowned both for its age and its history, and should be encouraged to continue its work.

March 13, 1917, Hebron congregation, Kansas, was granted $450.00 to aid in building a new addition to their church.

Description: Foundation, concrete. Superstructure, frame. Size, 26 feet x 20 feet. The basement of this addition was fitted up for Sabbath School work. The entire addition has been completed and is in use.

May 15, 1917, the congregation of St. Louis, Mo., was granted $200.00 to aid in repairing their church building. This congregation is noted for its liberality and contributed a good sum toward the much needed repairs of their church, but with greatly depleted numbers they were not able for the entire burden. It is always a pleasure to help those who do all they can to help themselvs.

Financial Statement.

Balance May 1, 1916	$ 6,795.40
Receipts during the year	5,567.58
Total	$12,362.98
Aid granted during the year	5,150.00
Balance, May 1, 1917	$ 7,212.98

The above balance includes returned loans from Youngstown, and 1st Beaver Falls congregations to the amount of $3100.00. The Board appreciates and commends the action of these congregations. Our Youngstown brethren are now without a church home of their own. This condition we presume is only temporary—until such time as they may be able to secure another better suited to their field and work than was the one recently sold. Should your Board be asked to aid these brethren, even to the amount of their returned loans, the above balance would be considerably less than at this time last year.

We ask for an appropriation of $3000.00.

The term for which R. M. Sommerville, F. M. Foster, A. D.

McNeil, and E. W. Jones were chosen to serve on this Board has expired and their places should be filled.

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. BOLE, Pres.
R. C. MONTGOMERY, Sec.

BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report:

The Board has held one meeting during the year. The receipts for the year have been $606.60, which amount is now in the treasury.

We recommend that the money be transferred to the Domestic Mission account, to meet supplements paid out during the past year.

S. G. CONNER, Chairman,
JAS. S. TIBBY, Sec'y.

REPORT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association respectfully report that twenty-four meetings have been held during the year closing March 1st, 1917; five of the Association, six of the Board of Directors, and thirteen of the Board of Managers. The attendance at the different meetings and the interest in the work has not diminished.

The Corresponding Secretary wrote one hundred eleven cards; one hundred seventeen pulpit notices; and sent out one hundred fifteen invitations for Donation and Reception Day, and five hundred five annual reports.

Two persons have entered the Home during the year, Miss Isabella M. Boggs and Miss M. A. Boggs of Youngstown, Ohio.

Two of our members were removed by death, Mrs. Letitia M. Dodds, June 15, 1916; and Miss Sarah Harmon, September 4, 1916.

Our family now numbers nineteen members and five boarders.

We are sorry to record the death of two of the members of the Association, who have been identified with the work of the Home since its beginning, Mrs. R. J. George and Mrs. R. J. Haslett. We will miss them but our loss is their gain.

Mrs. Annette G. Wallace who has been Treasurer of the Association for thirteen years declined to serve another year and Mrs. Mary C. Ward was elected Treasurer.

We are glad to report that Miss Etta Jamison is still our honored Matron.

Eight sermons have been preached in the Home by the following ministers: Mr. Anthony Khouri, Rev. R. A. Blair, Dr. D. B. Willson, Dr. R. C. Wylie, two and Dr. T. H. Acheson, three. Dr. W. J. Coleman conducted the annual Thanksgiving service on November 30th.

The Young People of the Allegheny Congregation held a service each Sabbath evening during July and August in the Home and on Wednesday evenings the Students of the Seminary and Covenanters living in the vicinity of the Home have conducted the regular prayer meeting.

We wish to express our gratitude to the ministers and students, the physicians and to all who have given of their time and means to the work of the Home.

We are glad to report that one Honorary member, Mr. David Love, and one Life member, Morton McKee Boyd have been added to the Association. The Congregational collections amounted to $601.58.

The Association requests the usual appropriation of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500.00) from the Synod.

Also since our funds have been unusually low this spring and the cost of living unusually high, we request a share in the unappropriated funds, if there are any at the disposal of the Synod.

(Signed) MRS. W. J. WARD, Secretary.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Twentieth Annual Report of the Reformed Presbyterian Aged People's Home for the Year Ending March 1, 1917.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Admission Fees	$ 600.00	Current Expense	$2,162.76
Current Expense	3,544.62	Heat and Light	598.10
Congregational Collections	601.58	House Expense	1,996.26
Donations	521.71	Interest	726.37
Interest	386.60	Managers' Contingent Fund	14.90
Manager's Contingent Fund	23.99	Mellon's Bank (Interest, etc.)	571.70
Membership Dues	192.00	Memorial Rooms—	
Mellon's Bank (Interest, etc.)	63.33	Aiton	5.50
Members' Fund	407.00	Barr	35.00
		Davidson	2.00
		Galbraith	40.75
		Gray	1.00
		Gregg	1.00
		Hunter, Jos. & M.	3.50
		Hunter, Lizzie	2.50
		Lindsay	1.00
		Morton	6.00
		McConnell	1.00
		McIntosh	1.00
		McKee, D. & M. E.	1.00
		McKee, Eda S. E.	3.00
		McKee, J. A.	1.00
		McNaugher	1.00
		Thank Offering	9.00
		Torrens	9.42
		Ward	2.50
		Wylie	1.00
Total	$6,340.83	Salary	1,433.43
Mar. 1, 1916, balance	1,407.28		
	$7,748.11	Total	$7,631.69
		Mar. 1, 1917, balance	116.42
Mar. 1, 1917, balance	116.42		$7,748.11

ANNETTE G. WALLACE, Treas.

We have compared the above report with the Treasurer's books and find same correct.

March 19th, 1917.

JAMES S. TIBBY,
W. S. ROBB,
T. S. TRUMBULL.

REPORT OF THE MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference met in Reformed Presbyterian Church, Sterling, Kansas, June 5, 1917, at 8 p. m. The Conference was called to order and opened with prayer by the Chairman, S. G. Connor. Robert Park was elected Clerk, J. Boyd Tweed assistant Clerk.

Forty-three congregations and mission stations applied to this Conference for aid, and appropriations to the amount of $13,445 were recommended to the various congregations, as follows:

Colorado Presbytery.

Denver (for pastor)	$500.00
LaJunta (if call a pastor)	240.00

Illinois Presbytery.

Coulterville ($5 per Sabbath up to)	$175.00
Selma (and as much additional supplement as congregation raises above $400)	400.00
St. Louis (for stated supply or supplies)	200.00

Iowa Presbytery.

Chicago ..	$450.00
Vernon ..	150.00

Kansas Presbytery.

Billings (if Congregation brings salary up to $1080.00)	$400.00
Topeka ..	300.00
Minneola ..	315.00
Tabor (for pastor and stated supply)	300.00

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery.

Cornwallis ..	$400.00
St. John and Barnsville	400.00

New York Presbytery.

Bovina ..	$100.00
Brooklyn ..	200.00
Coldenham ..	250.00
Montclair (for pastor)	250.00
West Hebron	400.00
White Lake	350.00

Ohio Presbytery.

Belle Center	$160.00
Bellefontaine (for stated supply)	240.00
Cedarville (for pastor or stated supply for full time) (for supplies $200.00)	450.00
Hetherton ..	275.00
Jonathan's Creek	140.00
Southfield (for pastor)	150.00
Ray (for pastor) (for supplies $200.00)	450.00

Pacific Coast Presbytery.

Content (for stated supply for ten months if congregation raises $300)	$500.00
Portland	700.00
Winnipeg	800.00
Hemet	600.00
Santa Anna	250.00
Edmonton (at disposal of Pacific Coast Presbytery)	200.00

Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Pine Creek	$150.00
Slippery Rock (for pastor for full time)	300.00
Bear Run & Mahoning (for pastor) (or $5 per Sabbath for Bear Run)	400.00
Rehoboth (for 20 Sabbaths)	100.00
North Union (for half time)	200.00
Adamsville & Middleton (for stated supply)	100.00
Youngstown	450.00
Brookland	50.00
Connellsville	400.00
East End	200.00

Rochester Presbytery.

Lochiel	$400.00

The Clerk of the Conference was instructed to write to Iowa Presbytery calling their attention to the neglect of Presbyterial visitation in aid receiving congregations.

Also instructed to write congregations as follows: Cincinnati and Mercer congregations commending them for becoming self-sustaining.

Coulterville, that they are expected to bring up their contributions to the amount of $5 per Sabbath.

Rehoboth, that further appropriations may be conditional on the attention they pay to the matter of the tithe.

We recommend the following:

1. That Irving Place Mission be placed under the care of the session of Topeka Congregation.

2. That Southfield Congregation be raised from $900 to $1200 class of congregations.

3. That no application from congregations shall be received for consideration unless Presbyteries and the congregations shall have complied with the directions of Synod in the matter of visitation.

4. That congregations be urged to push the Every Member Canvass and Envelope System.

5. That this Conference request Synod to recommend and earnestly urge all congregations to increase the salaries of their pastors by at least 20 per cent on the basis of last year, and that the per diem throughout the church be fixed at $20.00 as a minimum.

ROBERT PARK, Clerk.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Sterling, Kansas, June 6, 1917:

Synod's Board of Control met in annual session, November 14, 1916, at the home of S. O. Carson, Wyman, Iowa. Owen L. Samson, Washington, Iowa, was elected President; S. E. Greer, Washington, Iowa, Secretary and E. L. McKnight, Morning Sun, Iowa, Assistant Secretary.

A statement from Treasurer, James S. Tibby, showed the following sums to be at the disposal of the Board:

Aged Ministers Fund	$1483.39
Widows & Orphans Fund	1774.71
Students Aid Fund	2395.13

There came before the Board for consideration, applications from the following named persons:

Students of Theology—Melville K. Carson, Charles T. Carson, R. W. Redpath, C. B. Reed, J. K. Gault, Boyd A. White.

Aged Ministers—J. C. K. Faris, P. P. Boyd, I. A. Blackwood, J. M. Armour, T. C. Sproull.

Widows and Orphans—Mrs. Sarah I. Clyde, Miss Juliet McDonald, Mrs. D. S. Faris, Mrs. D. H. Coulter, Miss Martha Cannon, Mrs. Nancy Reed, Mrs. Louis Meyer, Miss Juliet Cannon, Mrs. J. Boggs Dodds, Mrs. Agnes C. Wilson, Miss Anna B. George.

After a careful consideration of all applications, appropriations were made in varying amounts to each of the afore named applicants.

Your Board then drew orders upon the treasury for the various applicants in the sum aggregating $1390 from the Students Fund. From the Aged Ministers Fund, $1550, and $2450 from Widow and Orphans Fund.

We request for Students Aid Fund, $500. For Aged Ministers $2500. For Widows & Orphans Fund, $2500.

We recommend that the Collection for Aged Ministers and the Collection for Widows and Orphans be taken on separate Sabbaths, instead of being combined in one collection as heretofore.

Your Board would once again call Synod's attention to the lack of funds, with which, in any adequate degree, to provide for the needs of the Aged Ministers, and Widows and Orphans, applying for aid. For example, take the Aged Ministers—Three years ago, your Board had about $1900 to divide between these ministers. Two years ago, the amount was reduced to $1600. One year ago, the amount was about $1300. While at our meeting in November, after Synod had raised the appropriation for Aged Ministers from $1500 to $2500, and added to that a special grant of $300 from the sale of Staunton, Ill., lots, yet the actual net increase, over the $1300 of the year before, was only $104, or $1483 as against $1378. And in order to provide for the bare necessities of life for some of these ministers, your Board was compelled to considerably overdraw the fund.

With regard to the Widows & Orphans Fund—the provision made by last Synod, whereby 5-9 of the $4500 appropriated for these two funds, was to go to the Aged Ministers, resulted in reducing by $500 the amount with which to provide for Widows & Orphans, and because the necessities of these applicants were so painfully urgent, the Board made an overdraft upon the Widows & Orphans Fund to the amount of $676.

Now the pertinent question we wish to ask of this Synod and through the Synod to the Church at large, is this: Is the Church satisfied to underpay her ministers, as many of these ministers have been underpaid, and then to thus neglect them after they have worn themselves out in her service? Or does the Church persist in this course: That while deploring the cruel injustice of it, especially in these days when it costs so much to live—does the Church persist in this course because she believes she has no alternative, and that she is doing the best she can? Your Board does not believe that the Covenanter Church is satisfied to continue in this course, so wholly incompatible with her high standards, and her reputation for Christian liberality.

What then is the remedy? The remedy is the enlightenment of the rank and file of the congregations, and members of the church with regard to this lack of support for her Aged Ministers and Widows & Orphans. And the ones to give this enlightenment to the individual congregations and church members—are the pastors and the elders who are delegated to this Synod. Will you do it? The term for which R. J. Allen and S. E. Greer were elected has expired, and their successors should be elected.

Rspectfully submitted,
S. E. GREER, Secretary.

The committee on Nominations made a partial report which was adopted. The report of the committee on Nominations was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully report nominations as follows:

To investigate the needs of aged and disabled ministers and to report to the Synod of 1918; E. K. Patton, W. J. Coleman, D. C. Mathews, R. M. Young, J. S. Tibby.

On resolutions respecting our government: D. B. Willson, D. B. Martin, W. R. Marvin.

On the communication from the National American Woman's Suffrage Association: J. S. McGaw, W. C. McClurkin, C. W. Fravel.

On the anniversary of the Covenant of 1871 to report next Synod: T. M. Slater, A. Kilpatrick, I. Faris, T. H. Martin, J. W. Pritchard.

Members on Board of Control: R. J. Allen, S. E. Greer to be their own successors.

Members on Committee on Temperance: W. W. Carithers, T. G. Graham to be their own successors.

Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon at the opening of Synod: Owen F. Thompson.

To report on the death of Mrs. J. M. Balph: T. H. Acheson, J. B. Tweed, D. P. White.

On the death of J. M. Armour: T. M. Slater, W. P. Johnson, Jas. Daugherty.

On the death of J. C. K. Faris: J. C. Slater, H. G. Foster, C. N. Pullinger.

On the death of D. C. Martin: J. S. Martin, G. R. McBurney, W. R. Russell.

On the death of J. R. Thompson: R. J. Dodds, J. H. Pritchard, Wm. Park.

Letters of sympathy: To F. M. Foster by R. C. Montgomery; to Thos. Patton by W. C. Allen; to S. J. Crowe by J. R. Wylie; to P. P. Boyd by J. M. Foster; to R. M. Sommerville by J. C. McFeeters; to T. J. Allen by M. S. McMillan; to A. J. McFarland by Isaiah Faris; to Mrs. J. R. W. Stevenson by W. W. Carithers; to Mrs. W. C. Allen by J. S. McGaw.

On revision of questions for presbyterial visitation: D. H. Elliot, J. R. W. Stevenson, T. J. Hensleigh.

On resolutions offered by J. M. Foster: J. M. Foster, John Coleman, W. C. McClurkin, J. J. McElroy.

Members on Committee on Systematic Beneficence: D. H. Elliot and R. A. Blair to be their own successors.

Members on Witness Bearing Committee: W. J. Coleman, Oliver Wylie, their own successors and D. B. Willson.

Committee on Voting in Canada: T. H. Acheson, A. Alexander, John Alexander.

Committee to present the matter of relation of Covenanters to government: R. J. G. McKnight, R. C. Wylie, W. J. Coleman, A. A. Samson.

On Bible Reading Folders: Paul Coleman, W. A. Aikin, N. Patton.

On revision of the music of the Psalter: D. B. Martin, J. C. French, D. H. Elliot, A. A. Wylie, R. A. M. Steele.

A. A. SAMSON, Chairman,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT,
G. M. ROBB,
J. M. WALLACE,
R. M. YOUNG.

Recess till 7:15. Prayer by J. E. Huheey.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Same Place, 7:15 p. m.

Recess having expired the Synod came to order and S. O. Carson offered prayer. The roll was called and fifty members answered to their names. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The committee on Time and Place of Meeting reported. Action was taken in accordance with the report with the result that 11 a. m. June 5, 1918, at Beaver Falls, Penn., was set as the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

The special committee on Woman Suffrage reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Woman's suffrage is not a question within the Covenanter Church. In this Church women have equal voting rights with men. But it is still a question in civil life.

The fact that practically every one inducted into civil office in the United States must give allegiance to our National constitution which contains no reference to Jesus Christ as King of Nations or to His law as the basis of our civil law, constitutes the reason this church cannot endorse the exercise by either men or women of the right of franchise as long as the Constitution remains as it is.

This position however in no way militates, against the belief of the great majority of our ministers and members that suffrage is a God given right to women; that the women of the United States have the intelligence to know what should be done, the morality to do right and the independence to express their opinion in civil affairs when called upon to do so; and that in a day of world crisis when our country is asking her womenhood to share the burden of sacrifice, service and sorrow, both wisdom and justice demand that they should have equal rights with men in the use of the ballot.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this Synod give its endorsement to the principle of Women's Suffrage.

J. S. McGAW, Chairman,
W. C. McCLURKIN,
C. W. FRAVEL.

The committee on Temperance submitted the following letter as called for by the report of the said committee which was approved.

Dear Brother:

Will you allow the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to express in this way its interest in your spiritual progress and its anxiety concerning the continuance in the habit of using Tobacco which it considers a sin?

They fear the example of those who use tobacco upon the youth, lest it be detrimental to their highest spiritual interest.

The Synod prays that those who are users of tobacco may have grace given to quit.

The officers of the court were instructed to send the following dispatch to the President of the United States:

To the Honorable Woodrow Wilson,

President of the United States.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in session at Sterling, Kansas, respectfully appeals to you to use to the utmost your influence to secure the complete suppression of the liquor Traffic as a War Measure.

We also implore you that the fullest possible protection against vice be given the men in the military service.

The report of the committee on Discipline was taken from the table. The answer to Paper No. 12 was adopted. The majority report on the memorial of C. A. Dodds was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE

The following papers have been referred to us:

1. Paper No. 7. Request of Mission in China for Counsel as to Ordination of native workers.

2. Paper No. 9. Petition of Congregations in Central Canada for the Organization of a Presbytery.

3. Paper No. 13. Memorial from Session of Second New York.

4. Paper No. 3. Winchester Memorial.

5. Paper No. 2. Sterling Memorial.

6. Paper No. 12. Memorial from New York Presbytery as to Army oath.

7. Paper No. 14. Memorial of C. A. Dodds.

Paper No. 7 requests counsel as to the ordination of Native workers and the organization of a Presbytery, we would recommend that we authorize the Commission of China to organize a Presbytery, and ordain licentiates when in the judgment of the Commission the necessity in the field justifies such action. And while we urge the usual precautions in ordaining men to the Ministry without a specific charge, we trust the Commission not to take undue liberties in this direction.

Paper No. 9, the Memorial from the Sessions of Regina and Winnipeg Congregations for the organization of a Presbytery. Respecting this Memorial, Synod grants this request, the name to be the Presbytery of Central Canada and its territory to include the Provinces of Sask., Alberta, Manitoba, also the State of Minnesota. The Ministers and one elder from the Session of each Congregation in this territory are called to meet in the Reformed Presbytrian Church, Regina, Canada, on the second Tuesday of October, 1917, at ten a. m. The Rev. J. C. French is appointed Moderator, and the Clerk of this Court is instructed to furnish the Moderator a transcript of this action. The Lake Reno Congregation is hereby transferred from the Iowa to this new Presbytery.

Paper No. 13, concerning the member of the Second New York Congregation, who has desired to take the oath of naturalization in order to enlist in the Army as an American citizen, and to whom liberty to do so has been granted by the Session of the Second New York, we recommend the following deliverance:

The Synod recognizes appreciatively the desire of this young brother to enlist as an American citizen, but calls attention to the fact that the discrimination as to citizenship between the native-born Covenanter and the foreign-born is wholly a matter of the civil government and not of the Church. As the naturalization oath required the applicant for citizenship to swear to support the Constitution of the U. S., the Church cannot permit the taking of the

oath in its present form without the surrender of her position of dissent from the Federal Constitution.

Paper No. 3, Winchester Memorial. This is the query: "Can Covenanters vote for officers at school election where the law does not compel the one elected to take the oath of allegiance to the Constitution, even though he may choose to take it when elected." Your Committee answers "No."

Paper No. 2, Sterling Memorial. In this paper the following queries are submitted: (1) Is voting for District school officers, or holding district school offices, or holding any other office, where the law of the State does not require an oath to the Constitution of the U. S., an act of "Incorporation" against which we have pledged ourselves in the Covenant of 1871. (See Minority Report.)

Item No. 2 is voting for District school officers, or holding District school office, or any other office, where the law of the State requires an oath to the Constitution of the U. S., an act of "Incorporation" against which we are pledged by our Covenant of 1871. Your Committee answers "Yes".

Item No. 3, is voting for school officers, or holding school offices, either where the election is in connection with, or separate from the regular political election, in a City of the Second Class, where the oath to the Constitution of the U. S. is required by the State law, an act of "incorporation" against which we have pledged ourselves in our Covenant of 1871". Your Committee answers, "Yes."

Item No. 4, "Would it be consistent with the law of the Church for a member to vote at any election or hold any office referred to in 2 and 3 above, provided the local officer, whose duty it is to induct such candidates into office, were willing to set aside the law of the State requiring an oath to the Constitution of the U. S., and admit them into office upon their oath to perform the duties of the office to the best of their ability". Your Committee would answer "No".

Paper No. 12. "Memorial from New York Presbytery as to the Army oath'.' The following answer is given: That the military oath is not antagonistic to the position of the Church, except in the omission of the Divine name, because it contains no reference to the Constitution of the U. S.; but merely an oath of loyalty to the nation, and of military obedience to the President and subordinate officers. Nevertheless since there are some of the membership, who cannot as a matter of conscience take the enlistment oath, or engage in war, except for defense, that we request the President or other competent authorities to receive such members of the Church without any oath, or such oath as they can approve, and that they shall be assigned to that part of the Army's work considered by them as defensive.

Paper No. 14, Memorial of C. A. Dodds, asking for a Committee to be appointed to report next year on Revising the Terms of Communion. Since the matter complained of in this Petition does

not seem of such a nature as to necessitate the appointment of a Committee, we recommend that the petition be not granted.

J. T. MITCHEL, Chairman,
T. A. ACHESON,
S. J. JOHNSON,
T. J. JOSEPH,
J. A. KENNEDY.

Minority Report.

Concerning Item One of the Memorial from Sterling Congregation as to whether the holding of the office of school director or of any other civil officer without any oath to the Constitution of the United States is in harmony with the clause in our Covenant of 1871, where it is said we will refuse to "incorporate" with the political body till the nation accepts Christ, we the undersigned members of the Committee on Discipline respectfully recommend the following action: The holding of the office of school director, when there is no oath required to the constitution of the United States, is not a violation of the agreement in the Covenant not to "incorporate" with the political body. The covenant of 1871 was written by Dr. S. O. Wylie of Philadelphia. What did he mean by "incorporate", and what did Synod mean? In 1867, only four years before the Covenant was sworn, the Synod adopted the following in the report of the Committee on Discipline, of which Dr. S. O. Wylie was Chairman: "The position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in regard to accepting office the committee understands to be, not that it is sinful in itself and wrong in all cases, but it may become sinful either by the imposition of an immoral oath or by involving an obligation to perform a sinful service". This was in 1867. The question naturally arises, did Dr. Wylie and Synod alter their position in the Covenant of 1871 where the term "incorporate" is used? The answer is plainly given in the adoption by Synod in 1875, just four years after the Covenant, of the following statement from The Report of the Committee on Discipline, of which the same Dr. S. O. Wylie was chairman: "The general rule for guidance is, That participation in acts of civil administration is not in itself wrong and sinful, but becomes so when any sinful condition, in the way of an immoral oath is involved, or when the service itself is sinful in its nature." It seems clear, therefore, to the two undersigned members of the present Committee on Discipline that the term "incorporate" in the Covenant of 1871 means Union with the governing body by taking the oath of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, and that the holding of the office of school director, or of any other office when the oath is not required to the United States Constitution, is not out of harmony with this obligation of the Covenant.

Concerning Items 2, 3, and 4 of Memorial of Sterling Congregation, we recommend that our people do not vote for any civil officer unless it is clear that he will not take the oath to the U. S. Constitution.

T. H. ACHESON,
T. J. JOSEPH.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the sessions of the church of the action of Synod in Item 5 of the report of the Mission Conference relative to the increase in pastors' salaries.

The following action was taken in response to the offer of J. W. Pritchard to make the booklet "Synodical Docket" an annual publication for the use of Synod.

In view of the generous offer of J. W. Pritchard to make the Synodical Docket a permanent publication without the assumption on the part of the Synod of any financial obligation or responsibility therefor. Resolved that Synod gratefully accept the offer except that Mr. Pritchard be granted each year a sum equal to the cost of printing the Order of Business and Devotional Exercises in the year 1916.

The matter in regard to the soldier's oath was referred to the committee on the relation of Covenanters to the Government.

The committees to prepare memorials upon deceased members reported. The following reports were received and adopted:

REV. J. M. ARMOUR.

In the death of Rev. John McLaughlin Armour, which occurred March 20th, 1917, we have lost one of the oldest, most highly cultured, and sweet spirited of our Ministers.

Father Armour was one of the last of a former generation. He passed away in his ninety-second year, and had lived to see most of the important events of nearly a century. It was his privilege to have seen almost all of the Presidents of the United States, and some of the grandfathers of the present rulers of Europe.

His service for the Church extended from the time of his licensure by Lakes Presbytery, April 16th, 1852, through a pastorate in Craftsbury, Vt., where he was ordained September 23rd, 1857; in Syracuse, N. Y., in Northwood, Ohio, in Sterling, Kansas, as well as in the service given to the Freedmen's Mission in Washington, D. C.

He was a preacher of more than usual ability, and his sermons which he was able to preach up to within a few months of his death, were always fresh in thought, fervent, forceful, and inspiring. The greater part of his life was devoted to the work of a writer and author, his published works being "Atonement and Laws". "The Divine Method of Life", and "Mercy, Its Place In the Divine Government". At the time of his death, he had other works in manuscript.

The one message of his ministry, the one theme of which all his writing and speaking seemed to be the developmnt, and elaboration, was the truth concerning the atoning and saving work of the Lord Jesus. Like Paul, he seemed "determined not to know any-

thing among us, saving Jesus Christ and him Crucified." And his grasp of this subject was unmistabably the result of a deep personal experience. He himself believed this, and often so declared. He never tired of telling, nor could any one tire of hearing his story of the first conscious view he had of the substitutionary work of Christ, when as a little child of three years old, at the side of his mother while attending a Communion service in an orchard in Illinois he heard and understood the Gospel as set forth in the action sermon based upon Colossians 2:14, when the minister spoke of how Christ had blotted out the handwriting that was written against us, and which was contrary to us, taking it out of the way and nailing it to his cross.

This was the truth which as a child he laid hold upon for his own salvation, which shaped all of his thinking, which for nearly ninety years sustained and comforted him, and which was the joy of his life to preach.

T. M. SLATER, Chairman,
W. P. JOHNSTON,
J. W. DAUGHERTY.

DANIEL CARGILL MARTIN.

Synod desires to place on record its appreciation of the life and services of Daniel Cargill Martin.

He was born November 5, 1841, educated in Grove City and Westminster College and the Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, married Lucretia Mott McIntosh in 1869, was licensed in 1870 by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, labored for a time on the Pacific Coast under appointment of the Central Board of Missions, served as pastor of the Princeton, Indiana, congregation from 1872 to 1888, as Stated Supply in the North Union and Middletown, Pa., congregations for seven years and as pastor of the East End, Pittsburgh, congregation from 1896 to 1910, and entered into his rest December 26, 1916.

He was always deeply interested in the Church and in all departments of her work. Faithful in his exposition of the Word and untiring in his efforts as a pastor he served congregations acceptably. His interest in the Church's reform work and especially in that of the National Reform Association was most marked. For years he served as a member of the Executive Committee of this Association. For years also he served on the Central Board of Missions, and also on Synod's Board of Trustees.

While pastor of the East End congregation he and his noble wife by generous contribution lifted in large measure the heavy debt that for years hung over that congregation. For this and other generous acts both are deserving of special mention.

Apart from the immediate work of the church, he was deeply interested in other good work, especially that of the Florence Crittenden Rescue Home of Pittsburgh—a home for fallen women —of whose Board of Directors he was President the last twenty years of his life. Since his death a number of private gifts and charities of different sorts have come to the knowledge of his family. As in his life he kept these secret, it is, the thought of his family that it would not be in keeping with his desire to have any

detailed or special mention made of them. However, it is his due, we have felt to have the fact noted in this record.

In the closing years of his life, he had the supreme satisfaction of having a son enter the Ministry of the Church he loved and in whose interests he had spent his life.

As a shock of corn fully ripe he has been gathered into the garner.

J. S. MARTIN, Chairman,
G. R. McBURNEY,
W. A. RUSSELL.

REV. J. C. K. FARIS.

Rev. John Calvin Knox Faris was born April 11, 1833, and graduated from the University of Indiana in 1853. He was licensed by Pittsburgh Presbytery April 18, 1859, and then spent more than a year in the Freedmen's Mission at Natchez, Mississippi. He was ordained by Ohio Presbytery and installed as pastor of the Muskingum and Tomica Congregation December 6, 1865, which charge he resigned April 13, 1871, because of ill health. After spending two years in Colorado for the benefit of his health, he was installed pastor of the Topsham congregation, which was his field of labor until he retired from the active work of the ministry.

Mr. Faris was a man of quiet and unassuming character. He was faithful and conscientious in the performance of duty, and earnestly desired the peace and prosperity of the Church. While he was not prominent in the discussions in the Church Courts, he was always intensely interested in all the departments of the work of the Church, and was never absent from the meetings of the church courts when he could be present. He was a man who loved the Lord and made loyalty to Christ the test by which his course must be determined. Every cause that demands this principle as its motive and purpose had his sympathy and co-operation. He was deeply interested in the great truths of the Kingdom of Christ, and was unwavering in his support of the principles of the Covenanter Church. He loved God's word and was an able teacher. His Bible class was interesting and his teaching of the Word was spiritually refreshing and strengthening. He was careful in preparation and sought the deeper and the practical truths of the lesson, and his class was always profited in following his instruction.

Mr. Faris was eminent for his gentleness and Christian courtesy. He was careful to maintain that constant evenness of disposition and temper which mark the Christian gentleman. In all his dealings with his brethren he endeavored to observe the Golden Rule of brotherly kindness and charity.

His genial nature made him an attractive companion to those who knew him best, and endeared him to all his friends.

We record our appreciation of a life that had so many fine qualities and which may well be emulated in those which point us to his fellowship with God, into the fulness of which he has entered before the throne.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. SLATER, Chairman.
H. G. FOSTER,
C. N. PULLINGER.

MRS. J. M. BALPH.

Mrs. J. M. Balph died after a brief illness at her home in Pittsburgh, on April 2, 1917. Her maiden name was Penelope Allen, and she was married to Dr. J. M. Balph, of our Foreign Syrian Mission, in November, 1896, and shortly after left with her husband for the foreign field. She was employed, except for vacation periods, in this field for about twenty years.

Mrs. Balph was an efficient and earnest servant of her King. She was a zealous missionary, and was welcomed by both the poor and rich in the Syrian field. She was hospitable; claiming the privilege, we are told, of preparing the annual thanksgiving dinner for the missionary circle in Syria. Her hand was open to the poor. She pleased the Syrian children with her singing, and took delight in teaching her pupils music. One of her co-workers says: "Truly Syria has lost a warm friend, Latakia a fervent intercessor, and the Mission circle the love and fellowship of one who loved them and his service and who loved to serve."

For a period near the end of her life Mrs. Balph had been in the home land because of difficulties affecting the Mission and arising from the war; but she had been directly connected with the work among the Syrians of Pittsburg for some time before her death. She was present at prayermeeting of the Pittsburg church on Wednesday evening; was taken ill not long after, and on the Monday morning following fell asleep in Christ. We read that Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration talked with Jesus about his approaching "decease". The word is "departure". It is the word "exodus" in the original. Our friend did not die. She departed. Christ has abolished death. She was promoted. She went home.

T. H. ACHESON,
J. B. TWEED.

The committees on the death of J. R. Thompson and Mrs. J. M. Balph asked leave to publish their reports after the adjournment of Synod. The request was granted.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Sterling Congregation and friends for their generous hospitality in providing for the entertainment of the Synod, and also to the officers of the court for their services.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

Synod then proceeded to adjourn. W. P. Johnston offered prayer; the 133rd Psalm was sung; the moderator pronounced the benediction and Synod stood ad-

journed to meet at Beaver Falls, Penn., June 5, 1918, at eleven o'clock a. m.

J. M. COLEMAN, Moderator,
G. A. EDGAR, Clerk,
F. M. WILSON, Assistant Clerk.

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*REPORT ON PREMILLENNIALISM—Part I.

The Scriptures warn us against being "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine." To say that Premillennialism is one of those "divers and strange doctrines" which, like the wind, spring up from time to time in various quarters, which blow for a season with variable severity and damage, and which, having spent their force, disappear only to return and circle about continually according to their own mysterious laws, may seem to revive an age-long controversy and to throw down the gage of battle to a multitude of Christians who at the present time are yielding themselves to the influence of this teaching and becoming its advocates.

It is in no spirit of controversy that we give this testimony. Our quarrel is less with those whom we feel are being carried away than with the force that is carrying them. We realize also that in the spiritual as well as in the natural sphere the only word that can rebuke a wind is that of the Lord Himself. And just because we believe Premillennialism to be an adverse and contrary wind, distressing the disciples of Christ, weakening their hands and liable to drive them out of their true course; because this seems to be a rising wind, blowing with a greater intensity now than ever before in this generation ;because no matter what shelter we may have no one can entirely escape exposure to it, and under its influence some have already made shipwreck of their Covenanter faith, we hold ourselves bound not only to invoke the Master's power to quiet this blast, but so long as it lasts to display our storm signals concerning it.

To do this is neither an easy nor a pleasant task, especially when we know that we must differ from some for whom we have a high personal regard. But whether it is easy or not, and whether our testimony is accepted or refused, we are under obligation as true witnesses for Jesus Christ to tell the truth as we see it. We therefore with all humility and faithfulness would declare what we believe to be God's mind regarding this popular but dangerous form of error.

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*By a misunderstanding of Synod's orders to print, this part of the report which should appear at page 84, became misplaced. —Clerk.

I—Premillennialism Defined.

Advocates of this belief are not all of one mind with respect to many minor points. No discussion of their differences however is here attempted. Our attention is to be directed solely to those things on which they agree and which give name and form to the premillennial system. The chief thing which they hold in common is the doctrine that Jesus Christ in corporeal and visible form is to reign on the earth for a thousand years; that this reign is to be preceded by the resurrection of the righteous dead, some or all, who are to be caught up in the "Rapture" to meet Christ and after a brief period return with Him to participate in His reign, and that the rest of the dead will be raised after the close of this millennial period. This system involves the denial that Jesus Christ is now exercising authority as Mediatorial King. It maintains that Israel in the most literal sense is His kingdom and that to fulfill Old Testament prophecies not only must the Jews be re-established in Palestine and Jesus Christ seated upon the throne of David in Jerusalem, but also that the temple must be rebuilt and the entire Levitical sacrificial system resumed and continued throughout the entire Millennial period.

II—Jewish Origin of the Doctrine.

Before the incarnation of Christ and during His earthly ministry almost all the Jewish hopes of Messiah's kingdom centered in an earthly Prince and a material throne. This expectation was shared in some degree by the Apostles of our Lord. Even "the disciple whom Jesus loved" with his brother asked for a place in such a kingdom; and on the eve of the Ascension others of the twelve asked, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" All this occurred before Pentecost. Never after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the enlarged vision then given of the gospel of the kingdom do we find the Apostles thinking or speaking after this manner.

III—Premillennialism In the Christian Church.

The first adherents of Christianity were for the most part Jews, and it is not surprising that when they accepted Jesus as the Messiah their traditional views, especially in the case of those who lacked the spiritual vision of Pentecost, should persist and that His promise to return to the world was viewed as a promise to fulfill their Jewish hopes. Accordingly we find history witnessing to the following facts:

1. The first advocates of Millennialism in the first century belonged to the Jewish as distinguished from the Gentile branch of the church.

2. The period from 150 to 250 A. D. when this doctrine had its greatest acceptance in the ancient church was a time of sore persecution. When the outward condition of God's people was the most intolerable the hope of a visible earthly reign of Christ appealed to them most strongly.

3. Other periods favorable to the spread of this doctrine have been times of religious awakening. When men of a certain type of

mind perceive the extent and power of satan's kingdom, the heinousness of the world's rebellion against divine authority, the need of supernatural power to work the needed transformation, but unmindful of the spiritual nature of Christ's Kingdom, they have mistakenly identified the power of that Kingdom with the miraculous and spectacular.

4. History shows further that one unchanging mark of Premillennialists is failure to apply the dynamic of the gospel to social and political problems. It is difficult to enlist them in any effort for national righteousness. They seem to regard with distrust movements which aim at the Christianizing of civil society. With the more ardent Premillennialists this attitude is not merely neutral or negative. Some are opposed to any such work, and consistently so. It is the logic of their position. They deny that Christ's kingdom has yet been inaugurated and that He has entered upon the discharge of kingly functions. These events have been postponed till the Second Advent when the kingdom dispensation will be inaugurated. They cannot consistently with this view preach the duty of national subjection to Christ in the present dispensation. Contending as they do that the one message of the gospel is evangelism, that the sole mission of the church is to prepare herself as the Bride of Christ for her coming Lord, and that our only work as witnesses is to gather as many souls as may be saved from the wreck of humanity and get them safely into heaven or prepare them for the "Rapture," they have no faith in the regeneration of society with its institutions and count it a waste of time and energy to strive for such an end. While they deplore the godlessness of political life they know of no gospel for nations as such, and so they expect, not the reformation of political institutions but their destruction. According to their belief society must go more and more swiftly into decay, and grow more and more hopelessly corrupt until the end. A case is known of a Premillennialist who refused to pray for the ending of the present awful war in Europe on the ground that political life is inherently and irretrievably corrupt and that the only panacea for all our national and international ills is the corporeal appearing of Christ and His occupancy of the visible throne from which He is to rule the world between the first and second resurrections.

IV—History of the Doctrine.

1. As already stated Premillennialism is of Jewish lineage. It is taught in the Talmud and is the hope of the most orthodox Jews today. It was held by the Ebionites, a heretical sect in the first century whose doctrines were a mixture of Judaism and Christianity. They regarded Jesus as an inspired prophet but denied His divinity. Its first public advocacy in the Christian dispensation is found in the system of Cerinthus, a Judaistic Gnostic, a contemporary and opponent of the Apostle John. It was a cardinal doctrine of a number of heretical sects, such as the Montanists and the Donatists.

2. The attitude of the Church Fathers. It is often claimed that almost all the great Fathers of the church were Premillennialists. A careful examination of their writings reveals the fol-

lowing facts. Papias held this view in connection with the most fanciful speculations. He is quoted as teaching that in the Millennium there would be vines having ten thousand branches, and each branch ten thousand boughs, and each bough ten thousand shoots, and each shoot ten thousand clusters, and each cluster ten thousand berries, and each berry would yield twenty-five measures of wine. Eusebius says that Papias "was limited in his comprehension" and that he imagined many things concerning a corporeal reign of Christ. He is the only one of the Apostolic Fathers who certainly held this view. All the others, Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Polycarp, Barnabas, the Pastor of Hermas, and the author of the epistle to Diognetes, either opposed it or left no certain statement of their position. The Post-Apostolic Fathers who maintained the Premillennial theory were Justin Martyr, Irennaeus, Hippolytus, Tertullian, Nepos, Commodianus, Lactantius, Apollinares the younger, and possibly Victorinus and Methodius. Over against these may be placed the great names of Victor and Caius, bishops of Rome, both of whom strenuously opposed the theory, Cyprian, Dionyssius the Great, Origen, Eusebius, Augustine, Athenasius, Gregory of Nyssa, Jerome, Basil, together with many others who, while not specifically declaring themselves with respect to the Premillennial view, taught an Eschatology which is directly hostile to that view Of forty-two Fathers whose writings have been examined, only nine, or perhaps eleven, held the Premillennial view.

Concerning Augustine perhaps the greatest of the Christian Fathers it should be added that he at one time held the Premillennial view but after more thorough study of the Scriptures renounced it. After stating the theory that upon the completion of six thousand years of the world's history, as of six days, there should follow a kind of seventh-day Sabbath in the succeeding thousand years, he says, "And this opinion would not be objectionable, if it were believed that the joys of the saints in that Sabbath shall be spiritual, and consequent on the presence of God; for I, myself, too, once held this opinion. But, as they assert that those who then rise again shall enjoy the leisure of immoderate carnal banquets, furnished with an amount of meat and drink such as not only shock the feeling of the temperate, but even to surpass the measure of credulity itself, such assertions can be believed only by the carnal." (The City of God, translated by Marcus Dods, Book XX, Chap. 7, p. 426).

3. Premillennialism during the Middle Ages. After Augustine this theory was regarded as heretical and almost entirely disappeared. But no individual or sect was ever proceeded against by any court, civil or ecclesiastical, on account of Premillennial beliefs. As the year 1000 approached there was an undefined fear and expectation that that date would witness our Lord's return.

4. During the Reformation period there was a revival of Premillennialism in connection with certain fanatical and heretical tendencies that sprang up simultaneously with the great spiritual awakening. After the Reformation it seems to have made little progress until the nineteenth century, when it found some acceptance throughout Europe, in England and in America, being held, as Dr. Shedd says, "In some instances in union with an intelligent

and earnest orthodoxy; in others, in connection with an uneducated and somewhat fanatical pietism. The first class is represented by Delitzsch and Auberlen in Germany, and by Cumming, Elliott and Bonar in Great Britain; the second class by the so-called Adventists and Millerites in the United States."

5. All the great Reforms were opposed to this view. Luther, Melancthon, Calvin, Knox and others have been claimed as Premillennialists, but all such claims are unfounded. Luther's Eschatology is utterly opposed to this entire system. Melancthon believed as did Luther. In his "Institutes" Calvin, speaking of "Millenarians", says, "Their fiction is too puerile to require or deserve refutation". (Vol. II Book III Chap. XXV Sec V). The Eschatology of Knox, like that of Luther and the other Reformers, allows no place for Premillennialism. It was Andrew Melville, a follower of Knox, who, on a noted occasion taking King James by the sleeve and calling him "God's silly vassal," reminded him that in Scotland were two kings and two kingdoms, James the Sixth, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who ruled freely when James was in his swaddling clothes. Had the Reformers been Premillennialists they would not have been Reformers, nor could the Reformation have secured for us the blessings of civil liberty.

6. The great historic creeds of Christendom are hostile to the Premillennial theory. Not one of them allows a place for Christ's return to inaugurate and administer a visible, corporeal reign on the earth. The so-called Apostle's creed, the Nicene creed, the creed of Constantinople, the creed of Athanasius, one and all. link the Second Advent directly with the general resurrection and the final judgment of both the righteous and the wicked. The claim often made by Premillennialists that the Nicene creed was originally Premillennial and that it was altered by the Roman Catholic Church so as to eliminate this doctrine is utterly false. The Roman Catholic alterations did not affect its Eschatology.

From the Reformation period onwards many of the creeds condemn Premillennialism and none of them find a place for that theory of the Second Advent. The Augsburg Confession was the joint production of Luther and Melancthon and it expressly condemns the theory (Article XVII). The Swiss Confession also condemns it (Art. XLI). The Confession of Faith and Doctrine adopted in 1560 by the Church of Scotland, while it does not name Premillennialism, in the statements of Section XI, treats of the Ascension, Enthronement and Return of Christ in such a way as to set it wholly in opposition to that theory. The Westminster standards condemn it. While Premillennialism is not specifically named this silence is not to be construed as negative or neutral. Robert Bailey was one of the Scottish Commissioners to that venerable body and was opposed to all such theories of the kingdom of Christ. He says there were many Millenarians there and that they gave some trouble, but they were not influential enough to give the Westminster standards a Premillennial stamp. Their Eschatology shuts out this theory by finding no place for it. They link the Second Advent with the Resurrection, the General Judgment, the End of the World, and the Kingdom of Glory, in such a way as to evidence their rejection of the Premillennial system. The Larger

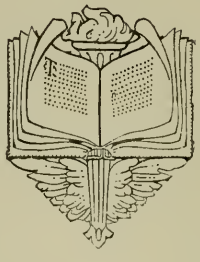
Catechism is quite clear on this matter, especially in the answers to Questions 53-56 and 191. The following sections of the Confession of Faith likewise show the hostile attitude of these standards to the system of Premillennialism: Chap. VIII, Sec. 4; Chap. XXXIII, Sec. 1, 2, 3,.

7. Position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. This church has in the most solemn manner accepted the system embodied in the Westminster standards and by this act has placed itself in opposition to the Premillennial system. But we have a still more specific proof. The historical part of the Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland contains the following emphatic condemnation of this system: "Against a gross and literal system of prophetic interpretation, which has obtained chiefly at periods of religious excitement—anciently designated Chiliasm, and in modern times, Millenarianism—we regard ourselves as solemnly called to testify." After a description of the system these weighty sentences follow: "We testify against such sentiments, as opposed to the general faith and hope of the church, and of most mischievous tendency. The doctrine of the Premillennial advent and personal reign of Christ on earth is based upon false principles of Scripture interpretation, and is plainly opposed to those passages which represent His second coming as immediately connected with the general resurrection and last judgment, the universal conflagration, and the allotment of the righteous and wicked to their eternal state of reward and punishment. This system is manifestly inconsistent with the spirituality of the Mediatorial dominion; and its whole tendency is to fill Christians with carnal expectations—to revive the exploded opinions and rites of Judaism, and to bring back the church to the "beggarly elements' from which Christ has, by His atoning death, and the mission of His Spirit, forever made free. The Millenarian system is not only detrimental to the unity of the church, and the progress of true spirituality, but obstructive to Christian efforts for the universal establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth. By declaring as its advocates do that the design of the present dispensation is not the conversion of the world and the ingathering of the Jews but 'only the calling of an elect people out of the Gentiles,' and that the conversion of Jew and Gentile will be effected only by the Redeemer's personal appearance and reign on the earth, the church's great Commission is virtually set aside, the motives to exertion for the world's evangelization are removed, and the many precious promises that guarantee its success are rendered vain and delusive." (Period VII, Sec. 7, 6. Millenarianism, pp. 134-136, 1875 edition).

Equally pronounced is the position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland as the following pregnant paragraph shows: "We testify against those who interpret the predictions of the future glory of the kingdom of Christ on earth in the sense of a temporal kingdom which Jesus Christ is to descend to the earth to possess and administer along with His saints, to be raised from the dead for this end: views incompatible with the nature of the king-

dom of Christ, and with the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment, as set forth in the Scriptures—to say nothing of the errors and extravagances which have usually attended these sentiments in every age in which they have, under some temporary excitement, been revived." (Chapter XVI, Sec. 4, pp. 246, 247, 1865 edition).

The church in America is in covenant fellowship with the churches in Ireland and Scotland and gives its official approval of the doctrine and testimony of these ecclesiastical bodies. There can be no reasonable doubt therefore concerning the attitude of this church toward the Premillennial system.



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Greeley	W. S. Wylie, Cor.	Greeley, Colo.	4	6	3	2	87	87	33	$ 7	$ 17	$ 5	$ 5	$ 5					$ 1	$ 18							$36	$1644		$1702
Evans	W. J. McBurney.	Evans, Colo.	3	3	2	1	1	51	1	40	10	115	39	$ 2	11		10	$ 1	$ 6	1	4	5	$ 8	$ 1			45	209		1317
Denver	R. B. Sytsma, Cor.	373 S. Sherman, Denver, Colo.	3	3	1	1	7	60	2	70		4												3			17	1690		1689
La Junta	J. E. Irelan, Cor.	La Junta, Colo.	3	2			2	51		75	12	86	77						1	1		20	7				460	18	320		970
	H. B. McMillan	Greeley, Colo.																														
	Samuel Edgar	Greeley, Colo.																														
	John K. Robb	Tak. Hing, China																														
	T. J. Wilson	Boulder, Colo.																														
Congregations, 4.	Ministers, 5.	Total	13	11	3	4	2	11	249	3	272	55	208	137	2	16	5	15	1	7	1	5	43	18	1		1360	116	3863		5682

Note.—Of the $115 from Evans to Syrian Mission about half was for "Relief," and sent through our Foreign Board Treasurer.

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Bethel	H. G. Foster	411 N. Vine, Sparta, Ill.	4	5	1	2	1	3	76	2	110	35	$ 49	$ 48	....	....	....	$ 5	....	$ 60	....	....	$ 6	....	....	....	....	$ 950	Yes	....	$ 669	....	$1787
Bloomington	J. M. Coleman	123 E. 8th, Bloomington, Ind.	5	6	....	....	3	6	110	1	86	30	151	150	$184	$ 28	$ 60	38	$11	30	$ 20	$ 8	18	$ 87	$23	$ 40	....	1200	No	$70	1022	$11	3081
Church Hill	....	C. R. Woodside, Coulterville, Ill.	2	3	....	....	....	1	40	1	30	14	4	2	3	2	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	91	No	8	52	....	159
Oakdale	W. O. Ferguson	Oakdale, Ill.	7	7	2	3	2	2	152	4	160	28	167	88	45	57	27	43	10	16	22	3	15	20	11	10	....	900	No	40	599	....	2033
Old Bethel	L. M. Patterson	Baldwin, Ill.	5	4	2	2	1	11	83	2	140	20	123	127	44	45	23	23	14	17	17	15	31	23	8	21	....	300	Yes	60	1040	....	1871
Princeton	M. S. McMillan	738 E. State, Princeton, Ind.	3	4	1	....	2	....	58	1	68	20	147	177	71	12	38	24	12	29	28	9	....	35	9	27	....	800	Yes	29	623	12	2053
Selma	S. F. Kingston	822 Union St., Selma, Ala.	4	4	3	2	2	1	80	1	200	31	12	1	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	355	....	22	328	....	761
St. Louis	....	W. J. Smith, 110 Walnut St., St. Louis	2	2	....	....	....	1	25	....	20	....	13	35	10	10	5	5	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	325	..	404
	G. A. Edgar	Knox Academy, Selma, Ala.																															
	G. R. Steele	Bloomington, Ind.																															
	W. M. Robb	Tak Hing Chau, South China																															
Congregations, 8.	Ministers, 8.	Total	32	35	9	9	11	25	633	12	814	178	666	628	357	154	155	141	47	157	87	35	71	165	51	98	....	4596	3	235	4658	23	12089

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF IOWA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1917.

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Chicago	T. C. McKnight	6539 St. Lawrence Ave	3	1	2	6	1	9	26	...	114	....	$ 35	$ 42	....	$ 7	$ 3	$ 5	...	.....	.....	$ 2	$ 2	....	$ 6	$ 1	...	$ 900	.....	...	$ 580	...	$ 58
Hickory Grove	D. C. Nichol, Cor.	Albia, Iowa	3	3	.....	.....	.....	a 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopkinton	Geo. S. Coleman.	Hopkinton, Iowa	6	3	3	...	3	1	86	1	60	21	99	56	22	12	12	7	4	9	6	3	10	11	3	8	...	922	Yes	44	490	...	176
xLake Reno	J. K. Elsey, Cor.	Glenwood, Minn.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	a 73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morning Sun	H. G. Patterson.	Morning Sun, Iowa	7	6	8	19	1	8	163	1	140	40	251	451	131	76	68	41	9	42	24	15	43	83	48	21	...	1050	Yes	57	1834	...	4
Rehoboth	W. C. Allen	Wyman, Iowa	3	2	...	2	2	...	30	...	35	....	122	57	3	113	33	10	9	103	6	.....	24	3	2	8	...	*300	Yes	...	84	...	165
Sharon	E. L. McKnight	Morning Sun, Iowa	5	6	4	7	1	16	182	6	186	45	599	474	263	249	229	188	44	37	273	46	327	88	41	87	28	1000	Yes	45	1034	...	538
Vernon	S. R. Wallace (Pastor elect....	113 McCall St., Waukesha, Wis.	2	3	...	.....	.....	1	34	1	45	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	Yes	3	60	..	41
Washington	S. E. Greer..... J. S. McGaw..... R. E. Willson.....	Washington, Iowa	4	4	...	...	2	2	53	...	45	18	151	153	23	39	32	16	18	36	16	10	77	29	10	19	...	1000	....	22	579	...	220
Congregations, 9.	Ministers, 9.	Total	33	28	17	34	10	37	664	9	625	194	1360	1233	442	496	377	267	84	227	335	76	507	214	110	144	28	5592	5	171	6338	...	17821

a—Last year's report. x—No report. a—Estimated. *Four months.

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Beulah	Jas. T. Mitchell..	Bostwick, Nebr.	3	5	1	...	...	7	56	2	76	....	$ 41	$ 79	$ 58	$ 46	$ 15	$ 12	$ 6	$ 10	$ 12	....	$ 10	$ 11	$ 8	$ 11	...	$1000	Yes	10	$ 365	$ 5	$1689
Billings	I. M. Rutherford.	Billings, Okla.	5	3	...	...	...	10	53	1	50	20	32	24	12	27	9	7	5	5	4	6	....	5	7	5	...	750	No	15	180	3	1101
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers..	Apache, Okla.	5	5	...	2	1	...	106	8	250	....	165	160	157	65	165	45	20	....	15	15	....	80	15	45	...	.....	No	17	192	...	1139
Clarinda	S. J. Johnston...	Clarinda, Iowa	6	5	13	14	1	2	140	5	175	35	489	557	317	287	90	68	36	90	174	26	60	117	41	60	...	11200	Yes	40	990	29	4631
Denison	Elmer G. Russell..	Denison, Kan.	6	6	1	...	1	...	128	2	120	35	213	251	80	48	50	38	19	32	21	18	24	61	11	37	...	1000	No	50	468	13	2387
Eskridge	W. A. Aikin	Eskridge, Kan.	7	4	...	2	...	4	111	...	100	25	109	183	29	42	19	46	11	10	18	7	19	17	11	17	5	800	No	30	449	...	1787
Hebron	I. R. W. Stevenson	Box 75, Idana, Kan.	2	3	4	...	...	1	86	2	121	25	169	104	34	20	18	13	11	10	700	19	24	14	11	10	5	900	No	40	491	...	2539
Kansas City	I. M. Wylie	4130 Mercier, Kansas City, Mo.	4	4	3	5	2	6	83	a 2	84	25	90	47	83	22	10	7	2	30	151	4	11	12	2	6	...	1400	No	33	479	...	2350
Long Branch	Paul Coleman	Blanchard, Iowa	4	5	1	3	1	13	83	2	73	24	127	71	17	66	14	28	...	16	13	10	7	29	8	16	...	900	Yes	26	793	6	2121
Olathe	R. C. Redpath, cor.	Olathe, Kan.	7	6	...	...	3	10	126	...	120	21	70	203	59	74	18	59	15	32	167	4	20	25	15	12	...	1200	No	30	823	6	2789
Quinter	G. M. Robb	Quinter, Kan.	6	5	2	...	...	1	108	6	126	30	226	263	8	19	9	83	1	17	19	4	4	6	7	10	...	f1060	No	78	866	1	2603
Stafford	J. D. Edgar	Stafford, Kan.	4	5	3	5	1	1	75	a 5	99	31	51	56	11	15	....	22	.....	....	558	....	17	.....	.....	.....	...	1000	No	56	567	...	2298
Sterling	I. G. McElhinney.	Sterling, Kan.	6	5	...	13	3	2	179	2	200	80	302	290	72	40	45	159	10	78	91	98	140	46	15	24	...	1200	No	80	785	10	3266
Superior	F. E. Allen	Superior, Nebr.	4	4	3	2	1	3	76	2	60	20	77	48	39	15	15	10	6	13	10	5	9	17	6	11	...	1200	No	62	554	5	2033
Tabor	T. K. Tippin, Cor.	Miltonvale, Kan.	2	2	1	...	...	4	30	1	40	20	13	.....	3	2	3	.....	...	4	4	....	5	5	5	.....	...	340	No	10	75	...	458
Topeka	R. G. Lyons, Cor.	1022 Clay St., Topeka, Kan.	6	...	2	2	2	...	78	2	63	23	66	72	248	50	90	25	10	98	18	14	16	25	42	25	8	900	Yes	55	798	...	2361
Winchester	D. H. Elliott	Winchester, Kan.	7	7	11	1	4	5	218	b14	c242	50	1367	400	113	77	77	49	19	47	39	14	75	54	16	39	...	1200	Yes	158	1193	19	4791
Wahoo	S. H. Carlisle, Cor.	Wahoo, Nebr.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Irving Pl. Mission		Topeka, Kan.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lieb Mission Sta...	S. M. McCloy, Cor.	Lieb, Texas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minneola Mission Station	J. D. Egar....e..		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robstown Mission	J. J. Thompson, Cor.	Robstown, Texas	1	...	...	...	...	2	6	1	14	....	10	7	8	15	4	3	...	3	.....	.....	3	4	.....	.....	...	50	No	3	49	...	156
	J. W. Dill	Sterling, Kan.																															
	Isaiah Faris	1105 Buchanan, Topeka, Kan.																															
	Geo. R. McBurney	Sterling, Kan.																															
	A. J. McFarland	Mersine, Asia Minor																															
	J. Ralston Wylie..	Lieb, Texas																															
	Owen F. Thompson	Apache, Okla.																															
	A. Melville Thompson	Eskridge, Kan.																															
	H. G. McConaughy																																
	W. C. McClurkin..	Olathe, Kan.																															
Congregations 16	Ministers 24	Total	85	84	45	49	20	73	1741	57	2013	464	3610	2824	1339	930	581	664	164	425	1937	162	440	528	220	328	18	151	5	792	10083	97	40500

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Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38, R. F. D. No. 4, Groton, Vt.	5	2	2	...	1	...	60	...	86	....	$ 25	$ 85	$ 18	$ 15	$ 19	$ 26	$ 4	$ 2	....	$ 2	....	$ 6	$ 6	$ 2	$ 2	$ 866	.....	.....	$ 95	...	$1173
Bovina	Thos. E. Graham	Bovina Center, N. Y.	4	3	4	3	4	2	66	...	66	21	66	66	53	22	22	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	800	....	40	127	...	1191
Brooklyn	R. C. Montgomery	251 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	3	2	...	1	1	3	43	1	20	12	36	40	31	9	9	26	3	7	172	2	9	9	2	6	...	1200	....	23	251	3	1813
Cambridge	W. C. Stewart, Cor.	21 Chetwynd Rd., Somerville, Mass.	2	5	1	.....	...	8	63	...	80	40	52	47	20	8	7	5	...	4	16	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	458	*...	10	1326	...	1940
Coldenham	R. J. Dodds	Walden, N. Y.	2	3	.....	...	4	...	50	2	40	....	20	20	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....	.....	10	12	12	.....	.....	.....	650	1	12	115	...	854
First Boston	W. J. McKnight	200 Willow Ave., Somerville, Mass.	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	2	45	....	77	16	22	5	11	4	5	1	65	5	....	18	4	6	5	1500	....	11	166	...	1916
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	44 S. Russell St., Boston	3	4	1	1	...	2	66	1	60	25	90	50	25	20	10	5	10	2	20	4	150	50	15	3	2	1500	....	20	950	...	2906
Montclair	A. J. Harding, Cor.	Montclair, N. J.	2	3	.....	.....	.....	1	17	1	39	....	56	42	25	14	14	9	4	10	9	3	....	27	4	9	.....	.....	.....	6	480	4	710
First Newburgh	John W. F. Carlisle	Newburgh, N. Y.	4	2	3	...	2	3	120	1	100	40	300	175	....	150	23	28	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....	600	...	2976
Second Newburgh	John W. McGee, Cor.	Newburgh, N. Y.	3	3	9	...	3	...	140	...	100	50	.....	40	70	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	300	....	10	....	10	.....	.....	1200	.....	.....	360	...	2000
Second New York	A. A. Samson	1183 Woodycrest Ave., N. Y.	9	6	6	4	3	11	241	3	350	53	1179	1536	313	142	132	74	46	187	47	40	528	103	35	90	11	2500	....	47	8920	25	15908
Third New York	F. M. Foster	305 W. 29th St., N. Y.	6	7	1	1	.....	.....	129	4	210	...	297	129	34	14	19	14	8	22	41	9	16	22	16	14	...	2500	.....	.....	1579	...	4734
Walton	J. T. Doig, Cor.	Walton, N. Y.	5	5	1	...	3	4	97	2	130	27	110	202	124	30	29	18	10	21	13	7	13	22	7	21	...	424	.....	.....	1196	9	2256
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	West Hebron, N. Y.	3	3	.....	.....	1	...	30	1	33	....	18	4	6	2	5	....	3	....	90	....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	334	....	3	135	...	604
White Lake	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, N. Y.	3	4	4	1	2	...	38	4	98	....	37	40	18	10	10	6	4	7	5	4	12	9	3	8	4	550	....	22	218	...	945
	Julius Kempf	Tak Hing Chau, S. China	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Walter McCarroll	Larnaca, Cyprus																																
	Thos. Patton	Morning Sun, Iowa																																
	A. I. Robb	Topeka, Kan.																																
	T. A. Rusk	Shelbourne Ave., Londale, Pa.																																
	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., N. Y.																																
Congregations, 15.	Ministers, 17.	Total	57	54	32	11	24	34	1230	22	1457	268	2363	2492	759	441	320	260	97	263	978	86	759	284	102	159	24	15982	1	194	16518	41	41928

*For four months.

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St. John		Mrs. Mullin, 154 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.	1						20						$ 25	$ 10	$ 10															$ 45
Barnesville		Wm. J. Curry, Barnesville, N. B.	2						19				5		10		5	5	1	5	10	27	4										25
Cornwallis	Thos McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	3						43				71	40	30	10	5		5	10	10	27	4										203
Congregations, 3.		Total	6						82				76	50	55	20	20	6	6	15	20	54	8										273

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Belle Center	R. W. Piper	Belle Center, Ohio	3				1	1	31		25	15	$ 31	$ 30	$ 30							$ 16		$ 5				$ 600	Yes	10	$ 410		$1122
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris, S. S.	119 N. Park St., Bellefontaine, Ohio	3		1				30	1	19	11	26	15	6	7	6	5	4		5		4	8	3	4	3	300	No	15	267		663
Cedarville	W. R. Sterrett, Cor.	Jamestown, Ohio	2			2	2	1	29		20		34	26	30	10	13	6	3	7	5	6	14	7	4	6		410	No	17	95	3	679
Cincinnati	F. F. Reade	2315 Wheeler St., Cincinnati	4	5	3				59	1	108	36	71	22	5	11	6	13	6	6	4	5	20	7				1200	Yes	41	762		2138
Fairgrove	Mrs. J. S. Wylie, Cor.	Fairgrove, Mich.	Pu	rg	ed	rol	l		18																								
Hetherton	W. G. Robb	Hetherton, Mich.	5	3		2	1	5	A50	2	70	16	34	33	16	7	6	5	3	6	15	3	11	6	2	5		615	No	24	276		1043
Jonathan's Creek	W. C. Coleman	White Cottage, Ohio							37																						6		6
New Concord	John Coleman	New Concord, Ohio	5	4	2		3	2	62	1	64		50	42	20	15	20	6	4	10	22	1	3	20	3	12		700	No	25	707		1635
Ray	Wilson Duguid, Cor.	Ray, Ind.	2	1					54	19	2	20		57	101	13	24	13	10	8	22			2		5		840	No		266		1361
Southfield	A. M. Cannon, Cor.	Birmingham, Mich.	4	5					64	1	50		59	46	28	27	32	17	16	15		12		13	15			650		5	360		1290
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Rt. No. 2, Huntsville, Ohio	6	5	2	4	3	3	110	B3	128	50	277	129	83	36	26	25	11	14	36	20	195	16	10			800	Yes		994		2672
Utica	D. B. Martin	Utica, Ohio	3	3	2			1	71				53	56	17	30	7	7	6	6		3	12	6	6	8		1000	No		820		2037
Londonderry	S. W. Morrison, Cor.	Freeport, Ohio.																															
Muskingum and Tomica	John Robison, Cor.	Dresden, Ohio																															
	E. C. Mitchell	Lo Ling, South China																															
	T. C. Sproull	7146 Race St., Pittsburgh, Pa.																															
	D. O. Jack	Ray, Ind.																															
Congregations, 12.	Ministers, 11.	Total	37	26	10	8	10	69	543	11	504	128	692	500	248	167	129	94	61	86	87	66	259	90	43	40	3	7115	3	137	4963	3	14646

A—Decrease of 7 by purging roll. B—1 adult baptism.

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PACIFIC COAST FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1917.

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in Membership, on Profession	Inc. in Membership, by Certificate	Dec. in Membership, by Death	Dec. in Membership, by Dismissal	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Y. P.'s S. Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Student's Aid	Salary paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithers	Miscellaneous	Literary	Total
Content	W. E. Taylor, Cor.	R. M. D. No. 1, Nevis, Alta.	4	3	...	...	...	...	20	...	28	1	$ 7	$ 24	$ 5	$ 5	$ 5	$ 3	$ 1	$ 2	$ 2	$ 3	....	$ 4	$ 3	...	...	$ 280	No	18	$ 131	...	$ 455
Hemet	J. S. Thompson	Hemet, Calif.	3	3	1	...	...	8	34	1	36	17	45	7	40	12	3	14	5	6	3	6	11	4	4	9	...	683	No	19	257	...	1109
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	905 E. 28th St., Los Angeles.	3	3	...	5	3	8	98	...	132	43	286	343	141	76	76	5	23	57	35	17	145	81	17	52	23	1400	No	61	1209	...	4039
Portland	F. D. Frazer	1206 Haight Ave., Portland.	2	2	2	2	...	5	33	...	80	30	55	57	33	13	14	12	6	10	9	5	....	26	6	8	6	650	No	18	366	...	1276
Regina	J. C. French	2531 Twelfth Ave., Regina, Sask.	3	4	4	5	1	...	68	6	60	30	39	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	1600	No	25	615	...	2316
Santa Ana	G. N. Greer	720 E. 31 St., Santa Ana	3	3	2	1	...	...	68	3	60	30	63	79	18	29	22	23	8	12	30	11	18	31	25	4	3	900	No	33	250	...	1556
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue Ave., Seattle	5	5	6	2	2	10	111	...	300	38	272	195	64	40	32	35	5	32	10	13	28	38	5	20	10	1400	No	31	1684	...	3883
Winnipeg	D. B. Elsey	962 Winnipeg Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba	3	3	1	3	1	3	30	3	37	....	17	16	4	3	9	....	3	....	2	....	....	4	...	4	...	500	No	21	a1011	...	1573
	J. G. Reed	Condie, Sask., Canada																															
Congregations, 8.	Ministers, 8.	Total	26	26	16	18	7	34	472	13	733	198	784	758	304	178	161	146	51	119	116	55	239	188	60	97	42	7413	....	234	5523	...	16227

a—$774 for new church building.

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1917.

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in Membership, on Profession.	Inc. in Membership, by Certificate.	Dec. in Membership, by Death	Dec. in Membership, by Dismissal.	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Y. P.'s S. Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Student's Aid	Salary paid by Congregation.	Parsonage	Tithers	Miscellaneous	Literary	Total
First	McLeod M. Pearce	4322 Larchwood Ave	6	5	6	....	....	5	179	4	148	40	$ 518	$ 425	$ 81	$ 63	$ 63	$ 63	$13	$ 33	$ 20	$ 10	$ 68	$ 41	$10	$ 30	...	$2000	....	....	$1962	...	$5400
Second	J. C. McFeeters	1838 Wallace St	4	...	10	1	11	1	170	5	221	27	814	129	425	36	36	47	11	29	20	27	17	33	10	23	...	2000	....	65	1550	...	5207
Third	F. M. Wilson	2517 Franklin St	5	7	3	1	2	5	193	6	356	51	1219	3251	1318	244	217	215	47	166	81	62	1517	153	55	122	...	2500	....	90	2327	47	13541
	R. A. Blair	Walton, N. Y.																															
Congregations, 3.	Ministers, 4.	Total	15	12	19	2	13	11	542	15	725	118	2551	3805	1824	343	316	325	71	228	121	99	1602	227	75	175	...	6500	....	155	5839	47	24148

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Adamsville and Middletown	R. J. McCracken, Cor.	R. D. 49, West Sunbury, Pa.	2				1		19		12		$ 5		$ 5													$ 160			$ 40		$ 210
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	1205 Boyle St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	5		2	4	2	7	128	5	250	50	411	538	596	125	252	62	31	122	110	348	50	116	31	70	65	2000	No		2371		7298
Bear Run and Mahoning	James Graham, Cor.	R. D. No. 2, McKees Mills, Clearfield Co., Pa.	5				2		c42		40		52	48	26	17	15	13	8	9	h808	6		14	10	11	g6	211	Yes	20	111		1365
Beaver Falls	J. Boyd Tweed	1001 8th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	5	10	1	6	2	1	112	5	255	34	27	51	19	14	17	13	7	7	9	6	7	19	10	13		1066	No	6	942		2227
Brookland	Robert Park S. S.	Box 141, Parnassus, Pa.	2		1				c19		10																	175	No		34		209
Central Allegheny	R. C. Reed	1233 Buena Vista St., N. S., Pittsburgh	3			19	3	i13	95		45	15	96	75	146	10	53	8	6	10	873	3	9			8		1067	No		984		3348
Clarksburg	Congregation not	disorganized, but in such a c	on	dit	io	n	t	ha	t	s	tati	sti	cs	ca	nno	t	be		obta	ine	d												
College Hill	J. Walker Wilson, Cor.	3513 Fifth Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	6	4	5	16		15	178	6	282	45	373	278	151	65	97	30	7	911	44		603	17	88	16	e5	250	No	25	2400		5335
Connellsville	S. B. Houston	603 Morrell Ave., Connellsville, Pa.	2	4				1	33		66				5	3												225			122		355
Geneva	John C. Slater	415 31st St., Beaver Falls, Pa.	5	7	2	1	1	6	86	1	190	30	166	123	203	21	70	31	1	305	953	10	22	56	15	10	1	1200	Yes	25	819		4006
East End	E. K. Patton	417 Selma St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	4	6	4		1	j8	65		139		43	115	10	15	30	7	6	15	12	9	10	15	4	7	3	1250	No	15	990		2541
Faith	T. S. Trumbull, Cor.	2222 Farmer's Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.	k2	k2							225		92	35	1008	5	5												No	11	589		1734
Little Beaver	E. M. Elsey	New Galilee, Pa.	4	4					c58	3	54		20	10	75		12	5					73	7	22			900	Yes		389		1513
McKeesport and Monongahela			k2						k21																								
Mercer	W. K. T. Thompson	240 S. Erie St., Mercer, Pa.	4	5	3	1		b4	59	a4	60		62	62	37	19	27	7	4	10	5	6	7	14	5	9	4	775	No	31	183		1236
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	R. D. 4, McDonald, Pa.	3		4		2	3	48		45		194	229	281	116	93	23	12	28	17	9	110	34	23	26	c12	800	No	15	135		2142
New Alexandria	D. C. Mathews	New Alexandria, Pa.	7	3	2	2		1	111	2	140	28	156	111	99	26	51	74	13	21	956	17	17	31	11	17		1000	Yes	30	1385		3988
New Castle	E. A. Crooks	605 Oak St., New Castle, Pa.	4	7	2	5	2	f15	150	10	255	38	187	118	248	38	46	73	14	26	15	14	65	18	5	10	19	797	Yes	53	1424		3117
North Union	D. N. Crowe, Cor.	R. D. 1, Renfrew, Pa.	3					3	16	1			5	5			5					5								3	101		121
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2				1		14		28		34	28	21	10	10	6	4	4	4	2	12	4	3	6		250	No	14	86		484
Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2	1	2		2	6	c42	4	60		50	33	29	25	14	7	7	5	5		9	4	2	3		300	No	8	151		644
Rehoboth	S. J. White, Cor.	Mosgrove, Pa.	3				1		c22	1	25		6	3	3	2	2			2		50	5			2		195	No		30		300
Parnassus	Robert Park	Box 141, Parnassus, Pa.	5	3	4	1	1	4	77	a3	101	20	111	62	125	44	50	27	3	17		7	45	26	6	7		1200	Yes		717		2447
Pittsburgh	T. H. Acheson	117 W. McIntyre, N. S., Pitts-											508	657	708	143	194	87	45	200	165	33	751	31	33	101	50	2000	No	25	3398		9284

| Presbytery of | Pittsburgh | —Continued. | | | | | | | | | | | CONTRIBUTIONS | | | | | | | | | | |

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1917.

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Almonte	James McCune	Almonte, Ont.	4	4	1	...	...	...	70	3	65	....	$ 274	$ 145	$ 54	$ 39	$ 38	$ 23	$15	$ 43	$365	$ 14	$ 10	$ 22	$10	$ 20	...	a$900	Yes	60	$ 442	...	$241
Lisbon	Wm. Robson, Cor.	Lisbon, N. Y.	3	1	...	...	...	2	25	...	20	....	15	16	9	6	9	5	...	...	....	7	....	...	...	9	...	b 312	Yes	2	85	...	47
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	Glen Sanfield, Ont.	2	3	2	...	1	3	24	3	19	....	68	40	90	10	10	5	...	5	....	....	....	10	...	10	...	400	Yes	...	74	...	72
Syracuse	A. A. Wylie	109 Dougall Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.	5	5	1	1	...	2	55	5	106	32	203	109	43	23	18	63	7	9	530	7	....	9	5	7	...	1300	No	16	762	$ 3	309
York	W. J. Sanderson	York, N. Y.	5	4	4	...	2	2	79	3	82	29	115	96	46	25	20	51	12	47	....	18	287	13	10	12	...	a 900	Yes	11	400	5	205
	J. B. Gilmore	Beaver Falls, Pa.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Wm. McFarland	222 W. Lafayette Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congregations, 5.	Ministers, 6.	Total	19	17	8	1	3	9	253	14	292	61	675	406	242	103	95	147	34	104	895	46	297	54	25	58		3812	4	89	1763	8	876

a—Including Manse. b—Stated supply for 6 months.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1917.

PRESBYTERIES	Congregations	Ministers	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in Membership, on Profession	Inc. in Membership, by Certificate	Dec. in Membership, by Dismissal	Dec. in Membership, by Death	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Y. P.'s S. Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Student's Aid	Salary paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithers	Miscellaneous	Literary Fund	Total
Colorado	4	5	13	14	3	4	2	11	249	3	272	55	$ 208	$ 137	$ 2	$ 16	$ 5	$ 15	$ 1	$ 7	$ 1	$ 5	$ 43	$ 18	$ 1	...	...	$ 1360	...	$ 116	$ 3863	...	$ 5682
Illinois	8	8	32	35	9	9	11	25	633	12	814	178	666	628	357	154	155	141	47	157	87	35	71	165	51	$ 98	$ 23	4596	3	235	4658	...	12086
Iowa	9	9	33	28	17	34	10	37	664	9	625	124	1360	1233	442	496	377	267	84	227	335	76	503	214	110	144	28	5592	5	171	6838	...	17821
Kansas	18	24	85	84	45	49	20	71	1741	57	2013	464	2810	2824	1339	930	581	664	164	425	1937	162	440	528	220	328	18	15100	5	793	10083	$97	40500
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	82	...	...	...	76	50	55	20	20	6	5	10	27	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	273
New York	15	17	57	54	32	11	24	34	1230	22	1457	268	2363	2492	759	441	320	260	87	263	978	86	759	284	102	159	24	15982	1	194	16518	41	41928
Ohio	12	11	37	26	10	8	10	69	545	11	504	128	692	500	248	167	129	94	61	86	87	66	259	90	43	40	3	7115	...	...	4963	3	14646
Pacific Coast	8	8	26	26	16	18	7	34	462	13	733	198	784	758	304	178	161	146	51	119	116	55	232	188	60	97	42	7413	...	234	5523	...	16227
Philadelphia	3	4	15	12	19	2	13	11	542	15	725	118	2551	3805	1824	343	316	325	71	228	121	99	1602	227	75	175	....	6500	...	155	5839	17	24148
Pittsburgh	27	37	94	67	34	58	27	99	1811	50	2611	376	3192	3277	4091	810	1217	556	205	1786	4079	508	1941	538	295	359	165	18294	8	339	20974	...	62391
Rochester	5	6	19	17	8	1	3	9	253	14	292	61	675	406	242	103	95	147	34	104	895	46	297	54	25	58	....	3812	4	89	1763	8	8764
Mission in China	...	...	...	...	112	...	...	48	464	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mission in Cyprus	...	...	...	...	21	...	1	...	58	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	112	130	417	363	326	194	128	448	8732	324	10546	1970	$16181	$16110	$9663	$3658	$3376	$2621	$810	$3412	$8663	$1142	$6147	$2307	1982	$1458	$303	$85764	26	$2386	$80552	196	$244469

BOARDS OF THE CHURCH.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD— Term Expires

Geo. A. McKee, Wm. J. Ward, Robert M. Young.....1913
J. S. Tibby, J. A. McAteer, J. H. McBurney.....1919
J. M. Allen, Wm. Blair, Oliver Wylie.....1920
Stated meetings in room 408 Penn Building, Pittsburg, Pa., on the second Thursday of February, May, August and November.

Secretary and Treasurer, Jas. S. Tibby, 408 Penn Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD— Term Expires

Rev. F. M. Foster, Ph. D., Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D. D., Rev. F. M. Wilson, D. D., R. J. Bole, S. R. Boggs.....1918
Rev. R. C. Montgomery, D. D., S. A. S. Metheny, M. D., W. G. Carson, Jos. M. Steele 1919
Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D. D., Rev. A. A. Samson, D. D., Rev. M. M. Pearce, D. D. Rev. J. W. F. Carlisle, Rev. R. A. Blair, Henry O'Neil 1920

CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS— Term Expires

Rev. Robert Clarke, Rev. R. H. Martin, D. D., Rev. E. K. Patton, Jas. S. Tibby 1918
T. H. Acheson, D. D., Rev. R. J. G. McKnight, Ph. D., Rev. S. G. Conner, Rev. J. C. Slater, Rev. D. B. Willson, D.D...1919
Rev. W. J. Coleman, D. D., Rev. R. C. Wylie, D. D., A. C. Coulter, R. W. Wallace 1920
Stated meetings in Room 408 Penn Building, Pittsburg, Pa., on the third Monday in June, September, November, January, March and May.

President, Rev. S. G. Conner, McDonald, Pa., R. D. No. 2.
Corresponding Secretary, Jas. S. Tibby, 408 Penn Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

BOARD OF CONTROL— Term Expires

Rev. H. G. Patterson, S. O. Carson.....1918
O. L. Samson, A. F. Reid 1919
Rev. E. L. McKnight and W. J. Marshall.....1920
Rev. S. E. Greer and R. J. Allen.....1921
President, O. L. Samson, Washington, Ia.
Secretary, Rev. S. E. Greer, Washington, Ia.

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY— Term Expires

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